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It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do.

Elbert Hubbard

Black History Month



Celebrating Black History Month since 1961

Remembering NASA's Seven

by Amanda Lusted
News Editor

This past Sunday, January 28 marked the 10th anniversary of the worst accident in the history of NASA's space program. Not even the 1970 Apollo 13 incident can compare to what happened at 11:39 am, January 28, 1986, 73 seconds into what should have been a routine, yet special flight. Special because it was to be the first time a civilian was to fly in space.

Some of you can remember where you were for the first space walk. Even more of you probably remember Apollo 13. Most of you can probably remember where you were and what you were doing when the space shuttle Challenger exploded.

Up until that fateful day in

1986 NASA had spent people into space on 55 occasions. Prior to the Challenger tragedy NASA had experienced only one other tragedy. On January 27, 1967 during a dress rehearsal for Apollo 1, three NASA astronauts lost their lives on the launch pad.

January 28, 1986 should have been a very special day for the seven astronauts of Challenger, several of whom had flown before. For one astronaut in particular though it was a step that no private civilian had accomplished. Thirty-seven year old Christa McAuliffe, of Concord NH, was to be the first teacher in space. She was chose from over 11,000 applicants to be the first for the Teacher in Space Program.

The day started out quite normally for the seven astronauts, including McAuliffe: Francis Scobee, Judith Resnick, Ronald McNair, Michael Smith, Ellison Onizuka and Gregory Jarvis. Unlike a few days prior to lift-off when the original launch date was scrubbed due to weather, the weather, aside from the



temperature, co-operated and the shuttle was ready for take-off.

From the word go the Challenger flight seemed picture perfect, from lift-off until 72 seconds into the flight. Then 73 seconds into the flight something happened and the Challenger turned into a ball of flames. As pieces of the shuttle fell into the ocean the NASA announcer spoke those tragic words, "Flight controllers are looking very carefully at the situation.

Obviously we have a major malfunction...the vehicle has exploded."

Ronald Reagan proclaimed the following week the be a national week of mourning. On the Friday following the explosion over 6000 NASA workers, government officials and family members of the lost astronauts joined President Reagan at Cape Canaveral for the memorial service.

It took some time to find out

exactly what went wrong that caused the Challenger explosion. After months of inquests it was established that a malfunction of the "o-ring" on the solid rocket boosters was the cause of the explosion.

It took two years before the shuttle program got back underway. Today the shuttle program is back in full swing, with many safety precautions in place, doing important work for future generations.

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Culture, Spirituality and Global Economic Development

Summary of a lecture to be presented by William F. Ryan S.J. at Sudbury University, March 1, 1996.

With the collapse of the communist governments in eastern and central Europe and the end of so-called 'real' socialism, the dominant western free-market paradigm has become 'the correct thinking of the day.' It has become the ideology, if not the creed not only of economists, business and government leaders, but even of United Nations agencies - not to mention of lead business publications such as *The Economist* and *The Wall Street Journal*, as well as of the editorial and business columnists of *The Globe and Mail*. Indeed, the World Bank and the IMF [International Monetary Fund,] the major transnational corporations [TNCs] and business-owned international media have become the chief propagandists, implementers and enforcers of this

economic orthodoxy, especially in the so-called 'developing' or poorer countries of the world.

However, not even Canada, twice hailed internationally as country best suited in the world for truly human living, has escaped their economic lessons and discipline. Now we witness our national and provincial governments competing with one another to prove which is the most loyal disciple of this born-again orthodoxy, in order to curry favor with the New York investment houses.

Dr. William F. Ryan S.J., a Harvard trained economist has recently published a book entitled *Culture, Spirituality, and Economic Development*, under the auspices of the IDRC [International Development Research Centre] and the Jesuits that sharply questions the credentials and claims of this new economic orthodoxy, particularly as it relates to the 'developing' or poorer countries of the globe.

He bases his findings on interviews held with some 200 persons knowledgeable and experienced in the promotion or economic development in Asia,

Africa and Latin America - including representatives from various intellectual disciplines, world religions and local cultures.

Those interviewed were not ideologues and have no ready-made alternative to offer, but they are searching for broader alternative approaches to development, ones that make local cultural and spiritual values more into account. It is surely a telling sign of the times that so many individuals from such diverse backgrounds, disciplines, experiences and beliefs, in so many corners of the globe, are profoundly questioning 'the correct thinking' of our age. Their common insight is that the global free-market paradigm is neither viable ecologically in the long term, nor adequate, in the short term, to meet the basic needs of all peoples for human development.

In his lecture, at Sudbury University, Dr. Ryan S.J. will share his stimulating research journey across three continents as well as his proposals to help shape an alternative, more viable and more human future for our planet.

- William F. Ryan S.J., Oct 18/95.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.

Thomas Jefferson

Child Abuse Petition Circulating

by Dominic Vidmar
Staff Writer

A petition, denouncing the sexual abuse of children, is making its way through Laurentian. Dr. Martine DeLaJudie, professor of psychology, has been treating children who have been victimized by adults and she is the one who has started this petition.

"This is a way for people to be aware that this problem exists," she says. The question is not necessarily one of a fourteen-year old girl with an eighteen year old boy, but rather one of 2,3 and 4 year-old children being raped by adults. One can consider that, in the first case, there is consent. This can not be the case with the second scenario.

Children often don't discuss what could be happening, because they don't know how to verbalize exactly what is going on. They often use childish vocabulary to describe events because they don't know the "adult" words. Another reason children don't discuss the event is that they're scared. The abuser often

threatens the child with things like 'Mommy [or Daddy] will go away if you talk about this,' Mommy [or Daddy] will blame you for this,' 'it's your fault,' or even 'we're not doing anything wrong.' And if threats don't work, promises of gifts and blackmail will.

"This is exploitation of children, pure and simple," DeLaJudie continues. "There are groups out there who advocate 'loving, sexual relationships' with children [NAMBLA, Société Guilleron]. And they will often cite research that supports this behaviour. The research indicating the contrary, that these 'relationships' are detrimental to the child, is overwhelming."

When asked about the recent phenomena of 'false accusations, Dr. DeLaJudie laughed. "There are very few cases of 'false accusations' from children. There have been false memories on the part of adults, but this is extremely rare for children. Often, these ideas are put into the children's head by a parent [in the case of marriage breakdown and custody] or another adult. Why would a child tell someone that he/she was being raped or abused if he/she wasn't? The child would ultimately suffer because the core family would breakdown. Children would have no reason to do this." It is also easy to

detect if a child is lying about the events by the vocabulary that the child uses. The therapist asks questions without directing the child's answers. "A child cannot describe what he/she doesn't know. There are many methods of evaluation that can help the therapist decide to what extent the claims are true." In only 3% of the cases are the accusations false. The therapist must then discover the motivations behind the falsehood.

The widespread idea that many accusations are false is being spread by people who abuse the children. "How better to have easy access to children and to have them treated as liars than to spread the idea that most accusations are false?" DeLaJudie continues. "This way, the abusers are protecting themselves from discovery and can continue their abuse without interruption."

There are questions as to the necessity of a petition since the sexual abuse of minors is illegal. DeLaJudie retorts, "So is substance abuse. So is drinking and driving. Because something is illegal does not mean that it is not occurring."

The petition will be sent to the Institute for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Toronto. It is currently available in the Psychology, Sociology, Nursing and Social Work departments. It is also posted in

Lambda's office. All those wishing to sign are urged to go to those departments and ask for the petition. "Only by showing that we, as a society, do not endorse or approve this behaviour, can it ultimately stop."

Listening to Children

If a child trusts you enough to tell you about an incident of sexual abuse, you are in an important position to help that child recover. The following suggestions can help you provide positive support.

Do:

Keep calm. It is important to remember that you are not angry with the child, but at what happened. Children can mistakenly interpret anger or disgust as directed towards them.

Believe the child. In most circumstances children do not lie about sexual abuse.

Give positive messages such as "I know you couldn't help it," or "I'm proud of you for telling."

Explain to the child that he or she is not to blame for what happened.

Listen to and answer the child's questions honestly.

Respect the child's privacy. Be careful not to discuss the abuse in front of people who do not need to know what happened.

Be Responsible. Report the incident to the appropriate authorities.

Arrange a medical exam. It can reassure you that there has been no permanent physical damage and may verify important evidence.

Get help. Get competent professional counseling, even if it's only for a short time.

Call the Sexual Assault Crisis Center [in Sudbury, 675-1323]. (You can even call anonymously.)

Don't:

Panic or overreact when the child talks about the experience. Children need help and support to make it through this difficult time.

Pressure the child to talk or avoid talking about the abuse. Allow the child to talk at her or his own pace. Forcing information can be harmful. Silencing the child will not help her or him to forget.

Confront the offender in the child's presence.

Blame the child. SEXUAL ABUSE IS NEVER THE CHILD'S FAULT!!!

Is it?????...Or Not!!!

SCENARIO #3:

"Lately the boss doesn't stop complaining about my work. I can't seem to do anything right in her opinion. I don't know what to do. She even criticizes me in front of others! Maybe I should go see someone about harassment in the work place. What do you think?"

"She didn't used to be like that. What brought about this change? I thought you enjoyed working for her."

"I did! I don't know what happened. Things were O.K. until last month. Now, she gets me to redo everything and even then, it never seems to be what she wants. Last week, in front of the front office staff, she got angry with me and told me to start paying attention to her directives."

Would you consider that scenario a harassment situation? Read the next edition!

The Harassment Office is located in room L826 of the Parker Building. You can reach us at extension 3422.

Is it?????...Or Not!!!

...re: last week's Scenario #2

The Harassment Policy stipulates that..."The Ontario Human Rights Code specifically prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, record of offenses, marital status, family status or handicap. Behaviour constituting harassment is considered by Laurentian University to be a serious offense affecting the University generally, and it is subject to a range of disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal or expulsion by the University."

Scenario #2 could constitute harassment. Addressing people in a derogatory manner and treating them differently because of one of the factors listed above could constitute harassment.

If you find yourself in a similar situation, seek some advice. If you are being harassed, there are steps you can take to get help, whether you are a student, a teaching member or a non-teaching member.

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Oui?????...Ou Non!!!

Scénario #3:

"Dernièrement, la patronne se plaint toujours de mon travail. Selon elle, je ne peux rien faire de bien. Je ne sais pas quoi faire. Elle va même jusqu'à me critiquer en présence d'autres personnes! Je devrais peut-être consulter quelqu'un au sujet du harcèlement au travail. Qu'en penses-tu?"

"Elle n'avait pas l'habitude d'agir de cette façon. Qu'est-ce qui a pu occasionner ce changement? Je croyais que tu aimais travailler pour elle."

"J'aimais cela! J'ignore ce qui est arrivé. Les choses allaient bien jusqu'au mois dernier. Maintenant, elle me fait tout reprendre mais il semble que ce ne soit quand même pas ce qu'elle veut. La semaine dernière, devant le personnel du bureau d'accueil, elle s'est fâchée et m'a dit de commencer à prêter attention à ses directives."

Selon vous, est-ce que cette situation pourrait être un cas de harcèlement? Lisez le prochain numéro.

Le Bureau du harcèlement est situé au L826 de l'édifice Parker. Vous pouvez nous joindre au poste 3422.

Oui?????...Ou Non!!!

...réponse au scénario 2 de la semaine dernière

La Politique touchant le harcèlement stipule que... "Le Code des droits de la personne de l'Ontario interdit expressément toute discrimination fondée sur la race, l'ascendance, le lieu d'origine, la couleur, l'origine ethnique, la citoyenneté, la croyance, le sexe, l'orientation sexuelle, l'âge, l'existence d'un casier judiciaire, l'état matrimonial, l'état familial ou un handicap. L'Université Laurentienne considère que toute conduite constituant une forme de harcèlement est un grave délit qui peut entraîner des mesures disciplinaires allant jusqu'au congédiement ou au renvoi."

La situation présentée dans le scénario 2 pourrait être un cas de harcèlement. Le fait de dénigrer des personnes et de les traiter de façon différente à cause d'un des facteurs énumérés ci-dessus pourrait constituer du harcèlement.

Si vous vous trouvez dans une situation semblable, demandez conseil. Si on vous harcèle, vous pouvez prendre des mesures afin d'obtenir de l'aide, que vous fassiez partie de la population étudiante ou du personnel enseignant ou non enseignant.

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Celebrating Diversity

by Dominic Vidmar
Editor-in-Chief

February is Black History Month. This is a time to recognize the achievements of all people of colour. Throughout this month, you will have a unique opportunity to discover the various cultures that make up the Diaspora. The African Students' Association and the Afro-Caribbean Association will also be hosting events during this time and invite all students to stop by. Events should be posted in the clubs' room or just ask any of the members.

Lambda has prepared a feature about the significance and importance of Black History Month. In these pages, you'll discover art, the origins of the celebration (thanks to Advit Nath of LUASA) among others.

In order to achieve tolerance and acceptance, we need to understand and learn what makes up the diversity and uniqueness of those around us. Only then can we better understand ourselves.

SPACE FOR RANT

Letter to the Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to examine a few of the issues surrounding last week's publication of Lambda; particularly the article dealing with "Sex and the Internet" written by Steve Martinovich. I believe that this article, in it's substance is a valid one. What I find disturbing however, is that the statement made by including the pictures of four (4) naked women, apparently taken from the Internet or some other source, were not typical of those found on the Internet...at least not the part of the Internet that I have been exposed to. The photos one typically find are those of women who are clad in tight, black leather garments, and are holding chains, or ropes, or are scantily clad. Others can be exploitive, or show women in positions of submission and are portrayed as being inferior to men. As Tricia Leduc points out in her "Letter to the Editor," these pictures are of "women with supposed 'ideal' bodies" (Lambda, January 25, 1996, p.4). The question I ask is this: where are all of these photos that I have referred to and where are the pictures of realistic Canadian women in Mr. Martinovich's article?

I agree with many other people, both on and off-campus that the article was a valid one, but I do not believe the pictures reflected any sort of equality, or good taste. These photos only serve to exploit, objectify, and perhaps even degrade women everywhere as they were portrayed in Lambda. Many men on campus have placed these photographs on their residence doors, and on their walls for everyone's viewing "pleasure." I have a choice whether or not to look at your newspaper or not, but I don't have a choice as to whether I see these pictures on campus as I pass by peoples' rooms or visit friends who display them openly for everyone to see. These photos are not totally unacceptable. Had they been accompanied by photos of nude males, or had they been the typical photos found on the Internet, I would not have been so offended. As it stands now however, I cannot see the logic, or the necessity that Mr. Martinovich and the Lambda staff saw in printing this article and plastering naked women on the cover and on its pages.

- Shawn Fowler

\$100 Increase In Student Fees

by Stefano F. Presenza
Staff Writer

As if the rising cost of tuition next year is not enough to add stress to students' lives, the question of improving transportation to and from Laurentian University at additional costs to students adds insult to injury. An often heard complaint regarding Laurentian University is that it is too isolated from the rest of the community. In fact, Ramsey Lake Road is often congested with bumper-to-bumper traffic, especially during peak hours of class. As a result, the Transportation Recommendation Implementation Committee has been formed to address this problem, along with the issue of an increasing number of cars parking at L.U.'s already "swamped" lots.

Over a period of time, the Committee determined that the cost of building a new access road to Laurentian would not be an option, concentrating rather on improving the usability of Ramsey Lake Road by teaming with Sudbury Transit. In order to address the parking situation, the Committee further established that there would either have to be an increase in parking space (too expensive) or a decrease in the number of cars parking at L.U. The Committee's recommendations included two ideas, the second of which was most feasible: car-pooling and a universal bus pass.

Students taking the bus to Laurentian spend over \$50 a month to obtain a bus pass. The Committee's plan is to strike a deal with Sudbury Transit which would bring a universal bus pass to students at a low price of \$100 for the entire year (the pass is identical to a regular bus pass, but lasts for a period of eight months).

This may seem like a great idea, and in fact would save students taking the bus a fair sum of money. The price of \$100 for each student attending L.U. has been derived by matching the Transit's revenue of about \$500,000 a year to the \$100 times 5000 students and staff registered at the University. The only problem with the entire situation is that students will have to pay the extra sum *regardless* of whether they will be using the pass or not (of course,

the plan allows for "opt-outs" who are exempt because of long-distances, i.e. Espanola, or parents who drive to school and have to worry about picking up their children from day-care). The universal bus pass idea is not fairly distributed between the students at Laurentian University.

Although several universities have enjoyed the success of a bus pass system, L.U.'s bus pass idea seems to lack strength in several aspects. The bus service provided by Sudbury Transit cannot be compared to bus services down south, as some would argue. The success of such bus pass systems in southern Ontario is due to the fact that buses in Toronto and other places pass by every five to ten minutes. On Sundays, their bus system changes ever so slightly, whereas here in Sudbury, the buses pass by once per hour, and their route is often hard to figure out. Keeping that in mind, students must also consider that economic times are tough, and government cuts will also affect the stability of the existing Transit routes (concern for Sunday routes has already been expressed by Transit officials). Considering these aspects, the universal bus pass offered by the Committee to the students seems to lose its lustre, and remains highly unattractive to those who drive.

The Transportation Recommendation Implementation Committee stated its concern for accessibility to Laurentian University. Examining some statistics, one can see that about half of those considered for paying the extra money already have viable accessibility to the University. It is interesting to note that about 1600 parking spaces have been sold to students (Nov. '95), and about 250 spaces to faculty and staff. Adding to those numbers the 1200 spaces in residence, a grand total of 3050 people are already accounted for regarding transportation to and from the school. If about half the number of students and staff are in need of bussing transportation to the University, it would be unfair to place this cost on the whole of the student body and staff.

In an interview with David Pearson, Chair of the Committee responsible for the bus pass proposal, it seemed that breaks would be provided for those who drive cars. The bus pass would be offered to those students at only two-thirds the price of the regular bus pass. As if

this idea wasn't silly enough (since those with cars would have little use for a bus pass), the money saved by those students would have to be collected by Laurentian in other forms, the most obvious being increasing the cost of parking. This idea leaves car drivers totally alienated, since not only are they putting forth an extra \$60 for a senseless bus pass, but they would be penalized with the extra cost of parking their vehicle. The universal bus pass idea would appear to be a penalty for those who choose to drive their vehicles to the University.

In judging the value of the idea of the universal bus pass proposal, one must take a moment to reflect upon exactly who gains what from the idea. Laurentian University would benefit by gaining improved access (Ramsey Lake Road would most definitely be less congested). Students taking the bus most obviously receive the greatest deal: at \$100, the savings would be immense. Students and staff who drive cars, however, seem to suffer in the worst way, subsidizing the costs for everyone else. The most interesting idea is that Sudbury Transit is *assured* its business, and has to exert itself very little in order to improve service for the students, who bring increased business to the City. The Laurentian University bus route may even be one of the most profitable, and yet the cost of ameliorating the service is dropped upon the students themselves.

What can the student body do about this? In the following weeks, the SGA will be holding a referendum as for the passing of the bus pass proposal. Improved universal access to Laurentian is a laudable objective, and the Committee's effort is to be commended. However, the proposal seems to have several flaws, since about half of the student body already has access to the University. The bus pass proposal is grossly unfair to those students who drive, and is insulting to the student body in that they are held accountable for paying the costs of improving access to the University. As a Laurentian University student, you can have your say on the matter by voting on the referendum, to be held in conjunction with the SGA general elections on Tuesday, March 5th and Wednesday, March 6th 1996.

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Enter Stage Right

by Steve Martinovich
Columnist

I picked up my mail recently and found a package from a group purporting to be one that supports capitalism and rights to privacy. Included in the package was short book called *A Man's Right to Wealth*. Intrigued, I read it. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a book-length pitch for me to join some gentlemen's investment club based in England. But one thing did catch my eye...

Emblazoned on the back was the question, "In Canada's Charter of Rights, is there any mention of a man's right to wealth?" The answer, according to the blurb by the authors was "Of course not!" It got me to thinking about the relation of a person's right to their production to that of others who feel they have a right to demand whatever they feel they need.

Do we indeed have a right to wealth? My answer would be immediately, "Yes, as long as you didn't take it from someone else." But according to the critics of Mike Harris, it apparently seems that the real answer if no, you do not have a right to wealth or to keep all the efforts of your production.

I've read essays and books

that explain this as the effect of Judeo-Christian ethics or attitudes that have come about because of the social engineering that our left-leaning friends have pioneered, but I'm not going to try and explain how the attitude developed. I'm not a historian and I don't frankly care why people believe this. I just want to make a plea for you people to understand that you do not have the right to whatever pittance I earn, or whatever fortune a wealthy person earns. You only have a right to whatever you earn, or try to earn.

I was engaged in debates a few weeks ago with several people who did not hold my views on this matter. I was assaulted by arguments like "But what about the poor? Don't they have the right to live?" and "Don't you think that people have a duty to help out others? Don't you feel it's an obligation?" It would be silly to suggest that I don't believe the poor have the right to exist, if you've read anything I've written, you know my beliefs on the sanctity of the individual. But with every centimeter of my being, I do not believe that I am dutibound or obligated to help someone out. If I do it, and I have, I want to be able to do it out of choice.

By believing that we are dutibound to help, we immediately cede out right to keep our production. I do not believe that society has a right to decide what an individual *has* to do with their freedom. What sort

of freedom is it when your choice is none or none?

It's this belief that society has the right to take for you because *it* (whoever the it are, anyone who uses 'society' never really explains the concept) deems it necessary. "What about my right? My needs?", you may ask yourself innocently enough. "You have enough, others need it more, even if they didn't earn it?" If you're that thinking sort, your next question will be "Who decides?" That question rarely gets answered. Your next question might be, "How much is enough?" That question will never be answered.

At this point you might think I'm arguing for the wealthy. You'd be dead wrong. I'm arguing for the individual and the individual alone. *Everyone*, be they wealthy or not, has the right to keep all the efforts of their labour, whether or not society deems it a right. Their work (and the benefits derived from it) is an extension of their political rights. Democracy and capitalism go hand in hand and we cannot promote one kind of freedom without understanding that the collorary of one is the other.

If you accept my premise that what you earn is yours, and no one has the right to take from you without your assent, then you must also believe that society is wrong for its attempt to create mediocrity all around by taking from you to give to those who say they need it. Just because you need something does



not mean you have the right to it and just because society says something is a right does not make it so. No one has the right to take from another human being by force. With the weight of the government and its monopoly on enforcement, don't tell me that it isn't force.

I suspect that I argue to few people. The beliefs I espouse here are seen as mean and cruel towards the poor, harsh and not fitting with society's belief of people being their brother's keeper. To that I will not answer. You have the right to put any emotionality you wish on my words, I will not argue because the words say what I mean them to say, and I will not argue with the many people who place emotion over reality. I only ask you the following:

Ask yourself what basic rights you really hold, ones that can be logically validated and consistent over a complete range of beliefs. Forget the tripe that you've heard in the media or by my opponents who create new rights daily or emotionally blackmail you into complying with their demands. Get down to the basics. This is not easy. I am convinced that you will agree that people basically have a few indivisible rights. We have the right to life. We have the right to try and find happiness. We have the right to be free, and that freedom involves all aspects of our lives, be they political or economic because the one cannot be examined without the other. Or will you cede *my* right because you don't care about yours? That choice is *not* yours.

TALES FROM THE LEFT

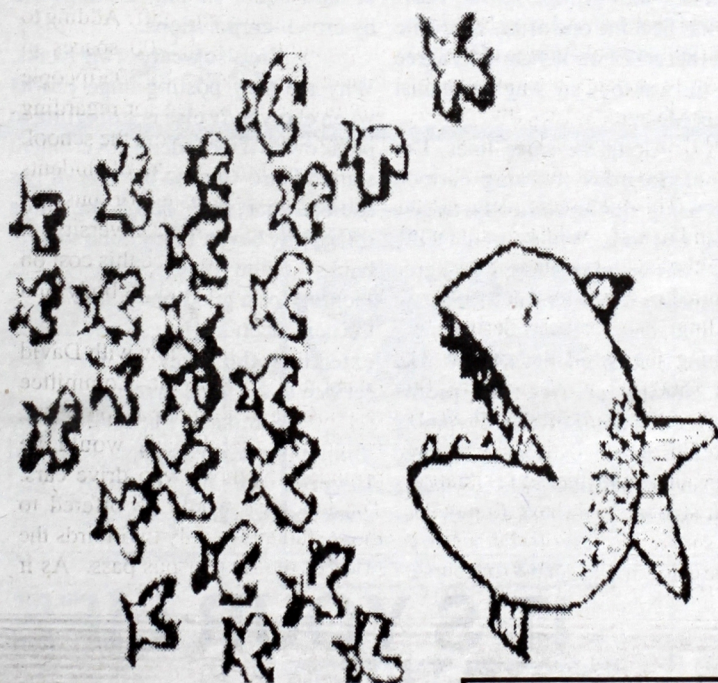
by Ray Marks
columnist

Special Interest Groups to the right of us, to the left of us, everywhere... Sounds familiar? What has happened in Canada in the last 30 years is outstanding. But this phenomena is not restricted to Canada but has also affected the entire Western World.

The explosion of the number of Special Interest Groups has virtually transformed the shape of government. Many political scientist may claim that the way government deals with the public has not changed much. This is untrue, for the entire concept of democracy in the Western World has been transformed by the power Special Interest Groups have gained since the 60's.

Even before then, citizens organized together to pressure the government. Entrenched into most of the Western World's constitutions, this right to organize has become, at times, more important than the right to free speech. Unions, the military and even the media can be considered Special Interest Groups.

The pressure these groups that represent just about every aspect of the political spectrum is



tremendous. There are innumerable cases of laws changed or not passed because of opposition from a Special Interest Group. (I won't bore you with statistics)

There are many out there, Gordon Gekko included, that would like to see the influence of Special Interest Groups limited or done away with altogether. After the NRA (National Rifle Association) in the US lobbied endlessly against the Brady Bill I would say: Yes, limit their powers! But that would go against free speech, freedom of expression and democratic rights.

Where do you draw the line? The fact is that there is no line to be drawn. Once you limit or get rid of the democratic process, the government becomes a dictatorship. Surprising to many people, it is very easy to lose a democracy (even in Canada). Especially in a nation where the people would simply be unaware they are losing their rights as citizens (Bill 26).

Special Interest Groups remind us of the human aspect of the laws of the land. Being a supporter of Employment Equity, it would be contradictory to oppose these groups or NGO's (Non Governmental Organizations). With that said, I don't believe they should run the government, a political party, a leader or any candidate. There is no harm in identifying yourself with some of the causes these groups represent.

Therefore, these groups of citizens should not be made the scapegoat of all political problems in Canada. Without them, our elected officials would not get a reality check once in while.

On a further note, congratulations to Bob Rae for all the years he devoted to the NDP in Ontario. He will be missed by all and will be remembered as a great social-democratic leader in Canada. I would like to inaugurate my newest feature for Tales From the Left: the Adam Smith is Passed On Award. This week it goes to Peter Kormos and Dave Langdon. Two New-democrats who entered the race to replace Bob Rae as provincial NDP leader so early and say their main objective is to bring the party as far left as democracy permits it. Don't count on winning the leadership for they are only dividing the party again.

ATTENTION ALL SGA MEMBERS!

As per Article IV of the SGA Constitution, the following is notification that the SGA Constitution and Policy Committee has proposed amendments to the SGA Constitution.

Text of the proposed
amendments are posted
outside the SGA office.

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AVIS AUX MEMBRES DE L'AGE

Conformément à l'article IV de la constitution de l'AGE, veuillez noter par le présent avis que le Comité sur la constitution et les politiques de l'AGE a proposé des amendements à la constitution de l'AGE.

Le texte des amendements
proposés est affiché à
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The Amiable Librarian

This column is based on questions or suggestions received by staff members of the Desmarais Library either personally or on the "Compliments/Questions/Suggestions" form that may be filled out near the exit of the library.

Question: Can I borrow Huron Palaeobotany?

Reply: Yes. This is a government document that is now eligible to circulate thanks to a recent Senate motion. When this document is returned to the library it will be transferred from the public documents, material is organized by issuing body; in the circulation collection, by Library of Congress subject classification.

While circulating certain categories of public documents may not see like a big deal, it is one important way of making them more accessible to students, as well, frankly, of cutting down on theft. By the way, the honour of borrowing the first public document according to the new Senate policy goes to Dr. Pat Julig of the Sociology and Anthropology Department.

Question: I just purchased a Lexis-Nexis account and I was questioning why the fee was the full \$50.00 for one semester (and the same account for the academic year). Wouldn't it be more reasonable to pay \$25.00 for one semester when others are getting four additional months of service for the same fee?

Reply: Your suggestion seems very reasonable so the Amiable Librarian approached Lexis-Nexis about your concern. It would seem however that to date the company is inflexible in its pricing practices. If it accepted the principle of a sliding scale for half a year, it would then be asked for a sliding scale by month, since even in the first term, not everyone purchases the account in September.

P.S. If you use it often enough, the Amiable Librarian thinks that you will find Lexis-Nexis still worth it. *Those who are still unsure can clip this column and bring it into the library for a free trial.* Normally there is a \$5.00 charge which may be applied to the purchase

of an account. Try to bring along a disk for downloading since the library is unable to waive the \$1.50 charge for that.

Question: Can an alumnus subscribe to Lexis-Nexis?

Reply: No sorry, it is just for students. Even professors cannot get it on the deal available.

Suggestion: It would be very helpful if there were a sign on the wall of the stairs going down to the Archives. After four years here I never really bothered going down there. Had there been a sign to remind me it existed, I would have used those resources more frequently.

Reply: Your suggestion is a good one. That said, it must also be said that the Archives has not really been up and running until last summer when the university finally named **Marthe Brown** as the university archivist. Since her arrival Ms. Brown has been busy creating access tools for the resources already donated to the archives as well as scouting the possibilities for new funds. (A fond is an archival collection).

The Archives are located on the first floor of the Desmarais Library, and if you don't happen to make it down soon, try to turn up Friday February 16 when the reading room will be officially renamed after Dr. Angus Gilbert an esteemed former professor of history and university administrator. Hopefully by then a sign will be in place.



Phantom of the Dark Ages

by Michael DarkKnight
Contributor

Continuing my thread from last week, in which I discussed looking beyond the political spectrum, I will now declare my stances on various issues. I've avoided plaguing the pages of Lambda for the last couple of months, precisely because I wanted to think about what I was going to say, and how I would say it. For many of you who think of me as an extreme-right reactionary, the persona that I've perpetuated, what I truly believe in will probably come as a shock to you.

First of all, I believe in the free-enterprise system among small and medium sized businesses. I think that the family business is the heart and soul of the Canadian Economy. I agree with Mike Harris that Government should encourage small business, and that we should remove the noose of government red tape that presently chokes the necks of many a small business.

However, I also believe that big business is just as bad as the Government when it comes to discouraging the growth of small business. I believe that governments have both the right and the duty to break up monopolies, even earned ones. Looking at Laurentian, I believe that Mariott's regulating who sells what food to whom on Campus is just as bad as Government red tape that does the same thing. Although I'm not much into grunge music, Pearl Jam has become one of my favourite bands because I wholeheartedly agree with the war they are waging against Ticket Master.

Along the same lines, I'm sick of Saturday morning cartoon advertising that specifically targets young children. While I'm not a big fan of environmentalists, I do agree with the ones involved in the Britain McLibel case. In what has now become Britain's longest libel case, two social service recipients representing themselves are winning a case in which they were charged with slander and libel by McDonald's corporation.



Next, I believe that we should abolish the legal drinking age, because it only encourages irresponsible drinking. Instead, let's teach people to handle drinking responsibly from a young age. I also believe that beer and wine should be available at the local convenience store, because people can walk to it if they have already had a drink or two. However, I still believe that the sale of hard liquor should be controlled by crown-corporations.

I'm also weary of big banks. Why are they posting huge profits when everybody else is struggling to break even. If the federal government started Petro-Canada because of gas stations that were doing the same thing, why haven't they done so with banks? Quite frankly, if the NDP is looking for a good plank to push in the next election, they should look at extending the Bank of Canada's service to the local investor.

Similarly, I believe that the minimum wage is a joke. It should be lowered for high-school aged students, in order to encourage part-

time employment among students that is affordable to small businesses. Furthermore, it would encourage students to stay in school, because it allows them enough money for frills, but not enough to live off.

I believe that unions are a plague that protect lazy and/or deficient workers, however, I also believe in the family wage. I believe that one parent should earn enough money to support the family, while the other parent stays home with the kids. I believe that big business owes it to their workers to insure that its employees are paid a family salary. This is because I believe that profit should be the means of bringing a livelihood to more people, and not an end in itself.

In a nutshell, this is where I stand on economic issues: big unions, big business, and big government are all destructive to an economy, and all three should be abolished.

NEXT WEEK: Communism, Capitalism taken to its logical extreme.

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IT'S YOUR LIFE LINE

Women who skip meals so their children can eat, and kids who pretend they aren't hungry on pizza day are some of the people invited to share their stories on the newly created "It's Your Life Line."

A telephone voice mail system to record people's stories has been established by The Community Alliance on Social Issues. People who have been hurt by reductions in government spending are encouraged to call It's Your Life Line. Calls may be made anonymously and in French or English.

We want to give people a chance to have their say without fear of repercussions," says Donna Mayer, a researcher for the Alliance.

Messages will be monitored and transcribed by researchers in order to help identify new gaps in the social safety net.

"All people affected by cuts to social rates and eligibility, health care, child care, housing, and any other government cuts are welcome to share their stories," says Mayer. "We are hoping that It's Your Life Line will help us understand all of the various impacts the many government cuts are having on families and individuals in our community."

The Alliance also welcomes any suggestions from the public on ways in which community social and health needs can be met in the months

and years to come.

It's Your Life Line can be reached by dialing 523-6619.

This Community Alliance on Social Issues includes over forty social services agencies, churches, business and labour organizations who have come together to monitor the impact of government cuts and to develop collective community responses to help people in emergency situations.

The Alliance is sponsored by the Social Planning Council of the Sudbury Region.

Contact: Donna Mayer, Research Development Worker, 671-9355

General Info

Grab Your Skis!

Have you signed up for Intramural Cross-Country Skiing yet? Well you had better hurry up because the event runs Friday February 9th, 1996. Lots of prizes will be up for grabs. Better yet this event is FREE. Participants are expected to come and meet behind the stadium at 12:45pm to sign-in. If you need to rent skis then please be there at 12:00 to get them fitted. The charge for rentals is only \$2.25. At 1:00pm an obstacle race will be run to be followed by a one hour ski race. A draw for prizes will commence after the ski race. Hot chocolate will be supplied for those who need to warm up. So go down to the Active Living Department located in the Ben Avery Building and tell them that you want to sign up. For more info contact Andrew @ 673-6956.

Global Change Game.

The Global Change Game addresses many global issues by directly involving participants as the world's citizens and decision-makers. Each participant becomes one hundred million people determining the future of their region of the world through social, economic and environmental decision-making and interactions with other regions. Participants are encouraged to show imagination in their quest for global solutions as they learn about the long term results of their decisions. They are given the power to set their own goals and priorities but are encouraged to develop solutions to some of the following challenges...

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The Global Change Game Is Coming to Sudbury!

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Policy Change

Writing Competency Test
All students must *register in advance* for the next Writing Competency Test--which will be held Sat. Mar. 30, 1996. Present student card when registering in person at the Language Centre--A121 in the Bowling Alley across from Tim Horton's. There will be only two WCT sessions: 9:00am--11:00am and 7:00pm 7:00pm--9:00pm in the Great Hall. For more information, contact the Language Centre at 675-1151 ext. 4111.

Campus Ministry

Bill Ryan, S.J. will share his research over five continents. His Public Conference "Culture, Spirituality and Global Economic Development," will take place Friday, March 1st 1996 at 7:30pm in the Fraser Auditorium at L.U. On Saturday March 2nd, 1996 at the U of S, from 10:00am to 4:00pm he will lead a seminary to continue the reflexation. For more info speak to your parish priest and/or call Ron Perron, s.j. at 673-5661.

Jean Vanier will visit the campus! He will speak in French at the U of S, Sunday, March 3rd from 8:30am to 10:00am. The presentation will be followed by the Eucharist, after which soup will be served. The proceeds to be shared between l'Arche and students who are in need. Welcome to all!

Clubs

L.U.A.S.S.

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February 9th 1996

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Three (3) Lambda Staff Board Memembers are elected amongst the voting staff of Lambda Publications. They would sit on the Board of Directors and Represent Lambda Publications in the process. elected for a one-year term

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THE ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by Advit Nath,

President, Laurentian University
African Student Association
(LUASA)

The celebration of Black History Month began when historian **Carter G. Woodson**, generally regarded as the father of African American history, initiated **Black History Week** in February 1926. In 1915, Woodson established the **Association for the Study of Negro Life and History** which was formed to continue the tradition of preserving the history of people of African descent. Four hundred years of colonial domination and slavery resulted in the distortion, omission, and under-representation of this history in every aspect. For these reasons, Woodson, as editor of the **Journal of Negro History**, recognized the necessity for students, teachers and the general literary public to become aware of the achievements of African Americans. His Association annually celebrated the literary achievements of Black people, and expanded into a movement that enjoyed spectacular success for more than a decade.

From those modest beginnings, virtually all agencies with direct impact on the African American community, became involved in the activities, which later were extended to cover a month. Various themes such as the **black family**, **black**

education, **black explorers**, **the black church**, and **black scientists** have been the focus for Black History Month. While at one level the aim is to promote pride and self-esteem and enhance the cultural heritage of people of African descent, at another level the hope is that through these activities other racial groups would obtain a better understanding of the African tradition as well as the contributions of people of African origin throughout the new world diaspora.

In Canada, **Negro History Week** was first celebrated by the **Canadian Negro Women's Association** in 1957. In 1979, the one-year-old **Ontario Black History Society** petitioned the Mayor of Toronto to issue the proclamation making February Black History Month. February was chosen because it included the birthdays of **Frederick Douglass**, a well known Black Freedom fighter who helped slaves escape via the Underground Railroad, and **Abraham Lincoln**, the former President of the United States who freed slaves during the U.S. Civil War.

Few can doubt the enormous strides that have taken place in bringing to the public important aspects of the African American/African Canadian past. Through **Black History Month**, it is hoped that we all become more aware of the significant aspects that Black people have played in enriching Canada's experience. Presumably, these special activities bear testimony in part to the richness of the Canadian cultural

heritage, and point to a greater appreciation and tolerance in others toward the diverse cultures on which this nation is bound.

It would be disingenuous, however, for me to suggest that all is well as the larger Canadian society has shaped and continues to reshape Afro-Canadian culture. In order to be in a position to appreciate, we first need to be educated about these contributions and the context in which they evolved. Educators should reexamine their syllabi and curriculum to ensure inclusion of material relating to people of African origin. Students from all walks of life should inquire about the role of African people in almost every area of study. Clearly, we need to redouble our efforts throughout the year until we achieve that goal.

When all persons and groups more readily recognize and appreciate the contributions and culture of African people, a month-long slate of activities may no longer constitute the main direction for highlighting the achievements of African people all over the world. Only then will our collective consciousness be better informed by the knowledge of how cultural diversity has enriched our lives.

When that time arrives, perhaps a special day or week might still be needed for celebration and remembrance. Until then, it is upon us all to appreciate and further the goals and aims of Carter G. Woodson and the other honourable founders of **Black History Month**.

African Art

The creative force of African art is eloquently represented by a number of fine objects in the Gallery of African Art. The diversity of artistic styles and cultural contexts is demonstrated by two major groupings of related pieces: works of art from agrarian peoples are shown in the eastern section of the gallery, while the very different artistic expressions of urban cultures can be seen in the western part of the gallery.

Works displayed in these pages are examples of works in the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavillion.



Poro Society Anti-Witchcraft Mask, Senufo people, carved by Zana Soro, Côte d'Ivoire.
Anonymous gift.

The poro society anti-witchcraft mask is another mask pertaining to a secret society. This Senufo helmet mask is a visual sign of protective and aggressive magic and the embodiment of supernatural powers and knowledge of magical formulae. The Senufo people of the Côte d'Ivoire use this mask as a force against lawbreakers and evil spirits.

In contrast to the chi wara of the Bamana, the poro society is an all-male secret society. This anti-witchcraft mask employs animal imagery to symbolize the need for control in an imperfect world. Wild boar tusks and antelope horns have been added to the fearsome image of a bird devouring a chameleon. The bird is the hornbill, a metaphor of the world's creator used widely by western African sculptors. This bird was one of the first beings on earth and the one that brought palm nuts and the oil palm to the region.

Important People, Achievements, Events for February

February 1 Black college students stage a sit-in at a segregated lunch counter in Greensboro, NC, beginning the first of the historic sit-ins of the 1960s, 1960; Langston Hughes, poet and author, born (1902-1967); Jefferson Franklin Long becomes first Black person to speak in the House of Representatives as a congressman, 1871

February 2 Biologist Ernest E Just receives the Springarn Medal for pioneering research on fertilization and cell division, 1914; South African president FW de Klerk lifts the thirty-year ban on the African National Congress

February 3 Geraldine McCullough wins Widener Gold Medal for Sculpture, 1965; 15th Amendment (Black suffrage) passed 1870; Antonio Ruiz (El Negro Falucho), national hero of Buenos Aires Argentina, dies for his country, 1810

February 4 24th Amendment abolished Poll Tax, 1864; Rosa Parks, initiator of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, born (1913 -)

February 5 Henry "Hank" Aaron, the home run king of major league baseball, born (1934 -); More than 30 years after civil rights leader Medgar Evers was shot in the back from ambush, avowed white supremacist Byron de le Beckwith was convicted of his murder, 1994

February 6 First organized emigration of U.S. Blacks back to Africa, from New York to Sierra Leone, 1820; Peabody Fund established to promote Black education in South, 1867; Bob Marley, reggae star, born (1945-1981); Arthur Ashe, first Black male Wimbledon Champion, dies (1943-1993)

February 7 President Truman appointed Irwin C. Mollison judge of the US Customs Court, 1945; Eubie Blake, famed pianist, born in Baltimore 1883-1983; Freedman's Aid Society, founded to promote education among Blacks; Independence Day in Grenada

February 8 Three South Carolina State students are killed during segregation protests in Orangeburg, 1968

February 9 Leroy "Satchel" Paige elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, 1971; Martin Luther King meets with President Johnson to discuss Black voting rights, 1965; Alice Walker, writer (of *The Color Purple*, among others), born (1944 -); Bernard Harris becomes the first Black astronaut to take a spacewalk, dedicating it to the achievements of all African Americans, 1995

February 10 Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded, 1957; Andrew Brimmer, the first Black person to serve on the Federal Reserve Board, appointed 1966; Leontyne Price, world renowned soprano, born 1927; Joseph Charles Rice, educator, born 1854; Roberta Flack, singer, born (1940 -); Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, dies (1921-1992)

February 11 Nelson Mandela, leader of movement for democracy in South Africa, released from prison after 27 years, 1990; Clifford Alexander, Jr. first Black Secretary of State,

confirmed 1977

February 12 Carter G Woodson initiates "Negro History Week"; NAACP founded after riot in Springfield, Ill., 1909; Issac Burns Murphy, great American jockey, dies, 1869

February 13 First Black pro Basketball team, "The Renaissance," organized 1923; Joseph L Searles becomes first Black member of the New York Stock Exchange, 1970

February 14 Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist, born 1817 - 1895; Gregory Hines, actor and dancer, born 1946; Morehouse College, then known as Augusta Institute, founded in Atlanta, 1867

February 15 US and African nationalists protesting the slaying of Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba disrupt UN sessions, 1961

February 16 The Liberia Herald, first newspaper printed in Africa, is published by CL Force of Boston, MA; Joe Fraizer knocks out Jimmy Ellis to become world heavyweight champion, 1970

February 17 Huey Newton, founder of the Black Panther Party, born (1942 - 1990); Thelonious Monk, jazz pianist and composer, dies 1982

February 18 National Independence Day in Gambia

February 19 First Pan-African Congress organized in Paris by WEB Dubois, 1919

February 20 JF Pickering patents his airship invention, 1900; Sydney Poitier, actor, born 1927

February 21 El Hajj Malik El Shabazz, better known as Malcolm X, American Black nationalist, assassinated, (1925-1965); Lemuel Haynes becomes the first Black person to receive an honorary degree (M.A.) from a White college (Middlebury College), 1804

February 22 Adam Clayton Powell Jr, chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor is denied his seat, 1967

February 23 William Edward Burghardt Du Bois, author, historian and activist, is born (1868-1963)

February 24 Bishop Daniel A Payne, reformer and educator of AME Church, born 1811

February 25 Hiram R. Revels, first Black US Senator, took oath of office 1870; Muhammad Ali defeats Sonny Liston for the heavyweight boxing championship, 1964; Nat King Cole, singer and pianist, dies (1919-1964)

February 26 Antoine "Fats" Domino, singer, born (1928-??); Theodore "Georgia Deacon" Flowers becomes first Black middle-weight boxing champion, 1926

February 27 Marion Anderson, singer, born in Philadelphia 1902; Charlotte Ray, first Black woman lawyer, graduates Harvard U, 1872; Debi Thomas, figure skater, becomes first Black American; to win a medal at the Winter Olympics, 1988; Independence Day in the Dominican Republic

February 28 Phillis Wheatly, poetess, died 1753-1784; Singer Michael Jackson wins eight grammy awards, 1984

Voodoo: Beyond The Myth

VODUN (VOODOO) RELIGION

Vodun or Sevi Lwa is commonly called Voodoo or Voudou by the public. The name comes from an African word for "spirit". Vodun's roots go back to the West African Yoruba people who lived in 18th and 19th century Dahomey. That country occupied parts of today's Togo, Benin and Nigeria. Slaves brought their religion with them when they were forcibly shipped to Haiti and other islands in the West Indies. Today over 60 million people practice Vodun worldwide. It is widely practiced in Benin. Although it was suppressed during the Marxist regime, it has been allowed to practice freely since a democratic government was installed there in 1989. It is also followed by most of the adults in Haiti. Today, there are two virtually unrelated forms of the religion: the actual religion, Vodun practiced in Benin, Haiti, Dominican Republic and various centres in the US where Haitian refugees have settled. An evil, imaginary religion, which we will call Voodoo here. It has been created for Hollywood movies. It does not exist, except in the minds of most non-Voduns.



even while attending Mass regularly. An inaccurate and sensational book (S. St. John, "Haiti or the Black Republic") was written in 1884. It described Vodun as a profoundly evil religion, and included lurid descriptions of human sacrifice, cannibalism, etc, some of which had been extracted from Vodun priests by torture. This

create the earth and all life forms. A battle between the two Gods led to Obatala's temporary banishment. There are hundreds of minor Gods. Those which originated from Dahomey are called Rada deities; those who were added later are often deceased leaders in the new world and are called Petro. Some of these are Agwe: god of the sea

- Aida Wedo: rainbow deity
- Ayza: protector
- Baka: an evil spirit who takes the form of an animal
- Baron Samedi: guardian of the grave
- Dambala (or Damballah-wedo): serpent deity
- Erinle: God of the forests
- Ezili (or Erzulie): Goddess of love
- Mawu Lisa: God of creation
- Ogou Balanjo: God of healing
- Ogun (or Ogu Bodagris): God of war
- Osun: God of healing streams
- Sango (or Shango): God of storms
- Yemanja: Goddess of waters
- Zaka (or Oko): God of agriculture

book caught the imagination of people outside the West Indies, and was responsible for much of the misunderstanding and fear that is present today. Hollywood found this a rich source for Voodoo screenplays. Horror movies began in the 1930's and continue today to misrepresent Vodun. It is only since the late 1950's that accurate studies by anthropologists have been published. Other religions (Macumba, Candomble, Umbanda and Santeria) bear many similarities to Vodun.

Vodun Beliefs

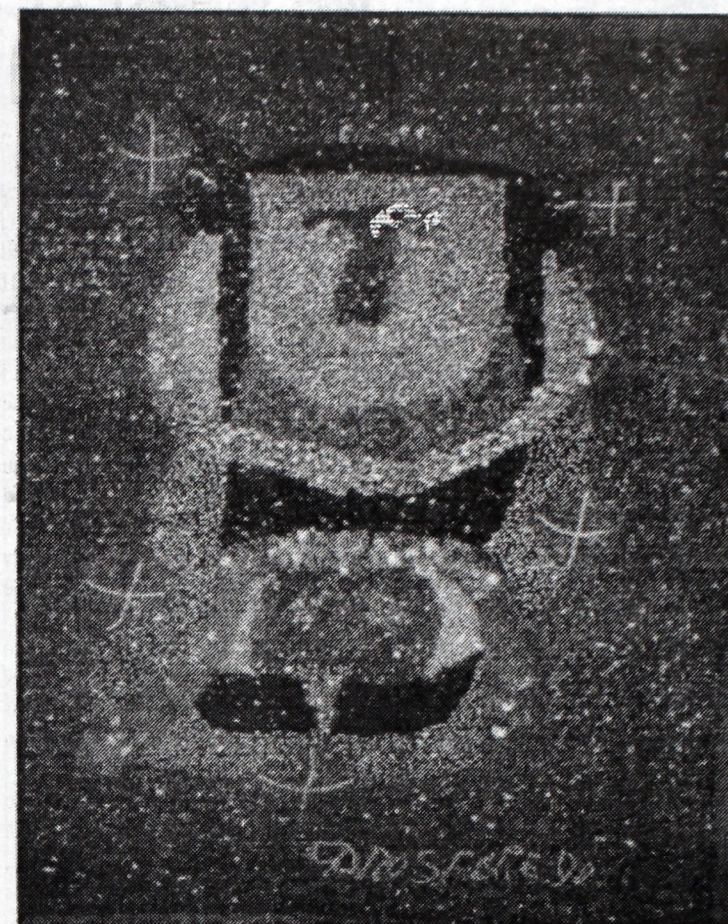
Vodun, like Christianity, is a religion of many sects. Each group follows a somewhat different spiritual path and worships a slightly different pantheon of deities, called Loa (or Ioa). The word means "mystery" in the Yoruba language. Yoruba traditional belief included a chief God Olorun, who is remote and unknowable. He authorized a lesser God Obatala to

There are a number of points of similarity between Roman Catholicism and Vodun: both believe in a supreme being; the Loa resemble Christian Saints, in that they were once people who led exceptional lives, and are usually given a single responsibility or special attribute; both believe in an afterlife; both have as the centrepiece of their ceremony a ritual sacrifice and consumption of flesh and blood; both believe in the existence of invisible evil spirits or demons; followers of Vodun believe that each person has a met tet (master of the head) which corresponds to a Christian's patron saint.

Followers of Vodun believe that each person has a soul which is composed of two parts: a gros bon ange or "big guardian angel", and a ti bon ange or "little guardian angel". The latter leaves the body during sleep and when the person is possessed by a Loa during a ritual. There is a concern that the ti bon ange can be damaged or captured by sorcery while it is free of the body.

Vodun Rituals

The purpose of rituals is to make contact with the Gods and Goddesses, to gain their favor by offering them animal sacrifices and gifts, to obtain help in the form of more abundant food, higher standard of living, and improved health. Human and Loa depend upon each other; humans

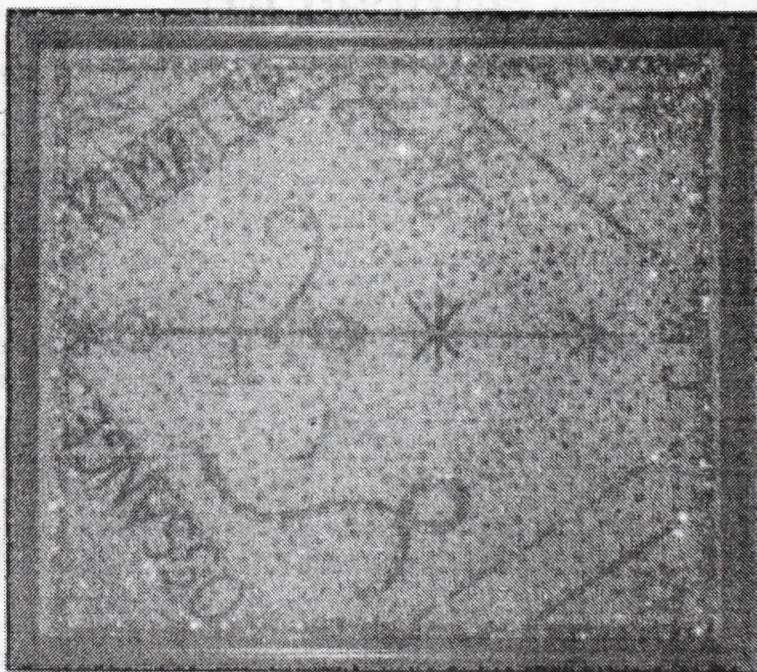


provide food and other materials; the Loa provide health, protection from evil spirits and good fortune. Rituals are held to celebrate lucky events, to attempt to escape a run of bad fortune, to celebrate a seasonal day of celebration associated with a Loa, for healing, at birth, marriage and death. Vodun priests can be male (houngan or hungan), or female (mambo). A Vodun temple is called a hounfour (or humfort). At its centre is a poteau-mitan, a pole where the God or Gods communicate with the people. An altar will be elaborately

The possessed dancer will behave as the Loa and is treated with respect and ceremony by the others present. animal sacrifice; this may be a goat, sheep, chicken, or dog. They are usually killed by slitting their throat; blood is collected in a vessel. The possessed dancer may drink some of the blood. The hunger of the Loa is then believed to be satisfied. The animal is usually cooked and eaten.

Sorcery

The houngan and mambos confine their activities to "white" magic which is used to bring good fortune and healing. However caplatas (also known as bokors) perform acts of sorcery or black magic, sometimes called "left-handed Vodun". Rarely, a houngan will engage in sorcery; a few alternate between white and dark magic. One belief unique to Vodun is that a



decorated with candles, pictures of Christian saints, symbolic items related to the Loa, etc. Rituals consist of some of the following components: a feast before the main ceremony creation of a veve, a pattern of flour or cornmeal on the floor which is unique to the Loa for whom the ritual is to be conducted; shaking a rattle and beating drums which have been cleansed and purified; chanting; dancing by the houngan and/or mambo and the hounsies (students studying Vodun). The dancing will typically build in intensity until one of the dancers (usually a hounsies) becomes possessed by a Loa and falls. His or her ti bon ange has left their body and the spirit has taken control.

dead person can be revived after having been buried. After resurrection, the zombie has no will of their own, but remains under the control of others. In reality, a zombie is a living person who has never died, but is under the influence of powerful drugs administered by a sorcerer. Although most Haitians believe in zombies, few have ever seen one. There are a few recorded instances of persons who have claimed to be zombies. Sticking pins in "voodoo dolls" was once used as a method of cursing an individual by some followers of Vodun in New Orleans. However, they are not used today, outside of horror movies.

Voodoo Flags

Art forms created for use in religious ritual are incredibly powerful works. In the case of voodoo, or in the American colloquial, "voodoo," the traditional banners or flags are no exception, and they synthesize the symbolism embodied in African tradition, Roman Catholicism, Masonic symbology, and Arawak Indian influences.

Haitian banners, designed by Voudou priests or houngans, are made of satin, and embroidered with sequins, beads, and seed pearls in brilliant and iridescent colors. Vev refers to the fragile line drawing executed in cornmeal, soot, coffee grounds, or brick dust on the floor of the hounfour, or voodoo temple to represent or summon the various loas, or spirits. The Vev banners contain the same symbols, but in a more detailed and colorful elaboration.

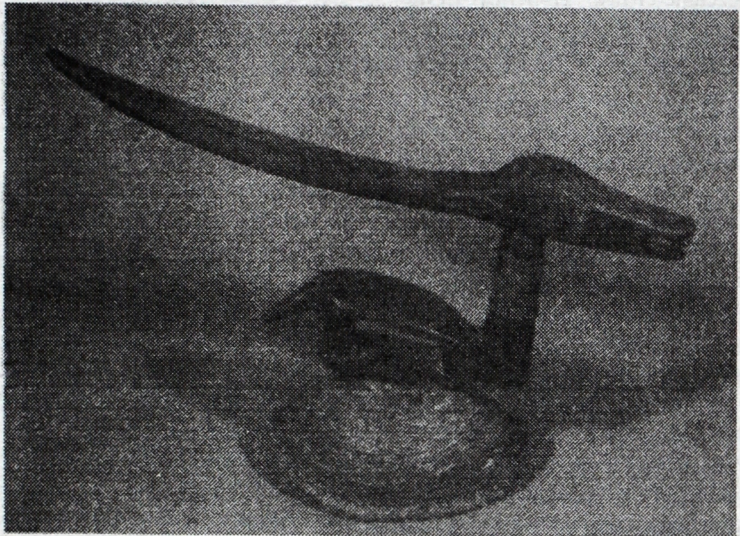
The flags have a central role in voodoo ceremonies, complex rituals in which a strict protocol must be observed. At the beginning of a ritual, banners are produced from a secret place, and are brought forward by hounsies - apprentice mambos, or voodoo priestesses. The latter are accompanied by a machete-wielding assistant. The hounsies wave the shimmering flags in the candlelight to summon the loas to whom the ceremony is dedicated. They also signal the transition from the real to the spiritual world, creating the state which allows the loa(s) to appear and "mount," or possess, participants in the ceremony.

The flags displayed throughout the "Voodoo" article are antiques and hang in various museums in North America.

Diaspora Web Sites

This is the first part of an alphabetical list of resources of particular interest to people of colour, or to anyone wishing to learn more about the Diaspora and its varied cultures. The list will continue next week.

<http://www.intac.com/PubService/uganda/index.html> The Abayudaya Jews of Uganda
<http://www.cs.indiana.edu/hyplan/dmulholl/acg.html> The Abyssinia CyberSpace Gateway
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<http://www.umassd.edu/SpecialPrograms/caboverde/caboverdean.html> Cape Verde



Antelope Headdress, Bamana people, western region Mali.

The antelope headdress is worn by Bamana men who are members of the *chiwara* secret society. Such associations are very important in western African agrarian cultures. The group takes its name from a Bamana cultural hero, the spirit who taught the Bamana their most essential skill, agriculture. The function of the *chiwara* is to teach the skills needed for successful farming, to ensure a good harvest, and to guarantee the survival of the Bamana people. *Chiwara* is the sole major Bamana secret society that admits women, although only initiated men may carve the masks and wear them as they dance. The inclusion of women stresses the underlying philosophy of *chiwara*: harmony may be achieved only by maintaining a dynamic equilibrium between men and women to produce new generations, and between sun and earth to grow new crops. During the performance, each mask has a special female partner who dances behind the masquerader, fanning the air to disseminate the spirit's vital aura.

Epa Dance Mask, Yoruba, southern Nigeria.

The Epa dance mask expresses the belief in Shango, the Yoruba god of fire, thunder, and lightning. Shango is depicted here as an equestrian warrior in European clothing. This African deity traditionally terrifies his enemies by blowing fire and smoke from his mouth, suggested in this instance by smoking a pipe. The dancer who wears this *Janus* (two-faced) mask must have great athletic prowess. The climax of the Epa ceremony requires him to leap up and land on a small mound three feet above the ground surface. Good hunting and a bountiful harvest are assured if he succeeds. If he does not, the powers that made him fail must be appeased with sacrifices.



Early History of Islam

It was founded in 622 CE by Mohammed the Prophet (circa 570 to 632 CE) in Medina. It is the youngest of the world's great religions. Followers of Islam are called Muslims. An alternate spelling that is occasionally used is "Moslim"; it is not recommended because it is often pronounced "mawzlem": which sounds like an Arabic word for "oppressor". Some Western writers in the past have referred to Islam as "Mohammedism"; this is deeply offensive to many Muslims, as its usage can lead to the concept that Mohammed the Prophet was in some way divine.

Little is known about Muhammad's childhood. He was orphaned at the age of 6 and brought up by his uncle. As a child, he worked as a shepherd. He was taken on a caravan to Syria by his uncle at the age of 9 (or perhaps 12). Later, as a youth, he was employed as a camel driver on the trade routes between Syria and Arabia. Muhammad later managed caravans on behalf of merchants. He met people of different religious beliefs on his travels, and was able to observe and learn about Judaism, Christianity and the indigenous Pagan religions.

After marriage, he was able to spend more time in meditation. At the age of 40, (610 CE), he was visited in Mecca by the angel Gabriel. He developed the conviction that he had been ordained a Prophet and given the task of converting his countrymen from their pagan, polytheistic beliefs and what he regarded as moral decadence, idolatry, hedonism and materialism.

He met considerable opposition to his teachings. In 622 CE he moved north to Medina due to increasing persecution. The trek is known as the *hegira*. Here he was disappointed by the rejection of his message by the Jews. Through military activity and political negotiation, Mohammed became the most powerful leader in Arabia, and Islam was firmly established in the area.

By 750 CE, Islam had expanded to China, India, along the Southern shore of the Mediterranean and into Spain. By 1550 they had reached Vienna. Wars resulted, expelling Muslims from Spain and Europe. Since their trading routes were mostly over land, they did not develop extensive sea trade (as for example the English and Spaniards). As a result, the old world occupation of North America was left to Christians.

Believers are currently concentrated from the West coast of Africa to the Philippines. In Africa, in particular, they are increasing in numbers, largely at the expense of Christianity. Totalling approximately 1 billion believers, they form the second largest religion in the world. The number of Muslims in North America is in dispute: estimates range from under 3 million to over 6 million. The main cause of the disagreement appears to be over how many Muslim immigrants have converted to Christianity. Statistics Canada reports that 253,260 Canadians identified themselves as Muslims (0.9% of the total population) during the 1991

census. Those figures are believed to be an under-estimate; Islam is growing in numbers.

Sacred Texts

The Qu'ran are the words of Allah. This was originally in oral and written form; they were later assembled together into a single book, the Qu'ran. Its name is often spelled "Koran" in English. This is not recommended, as some Muslims find it offensive.

The Hadith, which are collections of the sayings of Mohammed.

Muslim Beliefs and Practices

Muslims follow a lunar calendar which started with the *hegira*, a 300 mile trek in 622 CE when Mohammed relocated from Mecca to Medina.

A Muslim's duties as described in the Five Pillars of Islam are:

◊ to recite at least once during their lifetime the *shahadah* (the creed: "There is no God but God and Mohammed is his Prophet"). Most repeat it at least daily.

◊ to perform the *salat* (prayer) 5 times a day. This is recited while orienting one's body towards Mecca. It is done in the morning, at noon, midafternoon, after sunset and just before sleeping.

◊ to donate regularly to charity through *zakat*, a 2.5% charity tax, and through additional donations to the needy as the individual believer feels moved.

◊ to fast during the month of Ramadan [began 1995-FEB-2, 1995 (Year 1415); begins 1996-JAN-22 (Year 1416) and 1997-JAN-10 (Year 1417)]. This is believed to be the month that Mohammed received the Qu'ran from Allah.

◊ if economically and physically able, to make at least one *hajj* (pilgrimage) to Mecca

Jihad (struggle) is probably the most misunderstood religious word in existence. It often mentioned on Western TV and radio during news about the Middle East, where it is implied to be a synonym of "holy war" - a call to fight against non-Muslims in the defense of Islam.

The vast majority of Muslims have an entirely different definition of Jihad. It is seen as a personal, internal struggle with one's self. The goal may be achievement in a profession, self-purification, the conquering of primitive instincts or the attainment of some other noble goal.

Common beliefs:

strict monotheism. God is the creator, is just, omnipotent and merciful respect for earlier prophets and belief in their teachings: Abraham, Moses and Jesus that Mohammed is the last of the prophets belief in the existence of Satan who drives people to sin that Muslims who sincerely repent and submit to God return to a state of sinlessness belief in Hell where unbelievers and sinners spend eternity belief in Paradise, a place of physical and spiritual pleasure where the

sinless go after death abstinence from alcohol and gambling rejection of racism avoid the use of alcohol, other drugs, eating of pork, etc avoid gambling that Jesus is a prophet. They regard the Christian concept of the deity of Jesus to be blasphemous that Jesus was not executed on the cross

Originally, in Islamic countries, there was no separation between religious and civil law, between Islam and the state. Turkey and some other countries have become secular states during this century. This is a controversial move in Islamic circles.

Islamic Sects

There are four different schools of jurisprudence within Islam. Much blood has been spilt over disputes between them. The main schools are:

Followers of the Hanafi school are called Sunni Muslims and constitute a 90% majority of the believers. They are considered to be main stream traditionalists. Because they are comfortable pursuing their faith within secular societies, they have been able to adapt to a variety of national cultures, while following their three sources of law: the Quran, Hadith and consensus of Muslims.

Followers of the Jafri school are called Shi'ite Muslims and constitute a small minority of Islam. They split from the Sunnis over a dispute about the successor to Mohammed. Their leaders, Imams promote a strict interpretation of the Qu'ran and close adherents to its teachings. They believe in 12 heavenly Imams (perfect teachers) who guide the faithful from their locations in Paradise.

There are three other groups which originated within Islam:

Sufism: a mystic tradition in which followers seek inner knowledge directly from Allah through meditation and ritual and dancing. They developed in the 7th century CE as an ascetic reaction to the formalism and laws of the Qu'ran.

Baha'i: an attempt to integrate all of the world religions. It was originally a break-away sect from Islam but has since grown to become a separate religion.

Black Muslim Movement (BMM): This is largely a black urban movement in the US. One driving force was a rejection of Christianity as the religion of the historically oppressing white race. It was started by Wallace Fard who built the first temple in Detroit. Elijah Muhammad (born Elijah Poole) established a second temple in Chicago and later supervised the creation of temples in most large cities with significant black populations. They taught that blacks were racially superior to whites and that a racial war is inevitable. The charismatic Malcolm X was perhaps their most famous spokesperson; he played an important role in reversing the BMM's anti-white beliefs. In its earlier years, the movement deviated significantly from traditional Islamic beliefs (particularly over matters of racial tolerance the status of the BMM leaders as prophets). This deviation is being reversed.

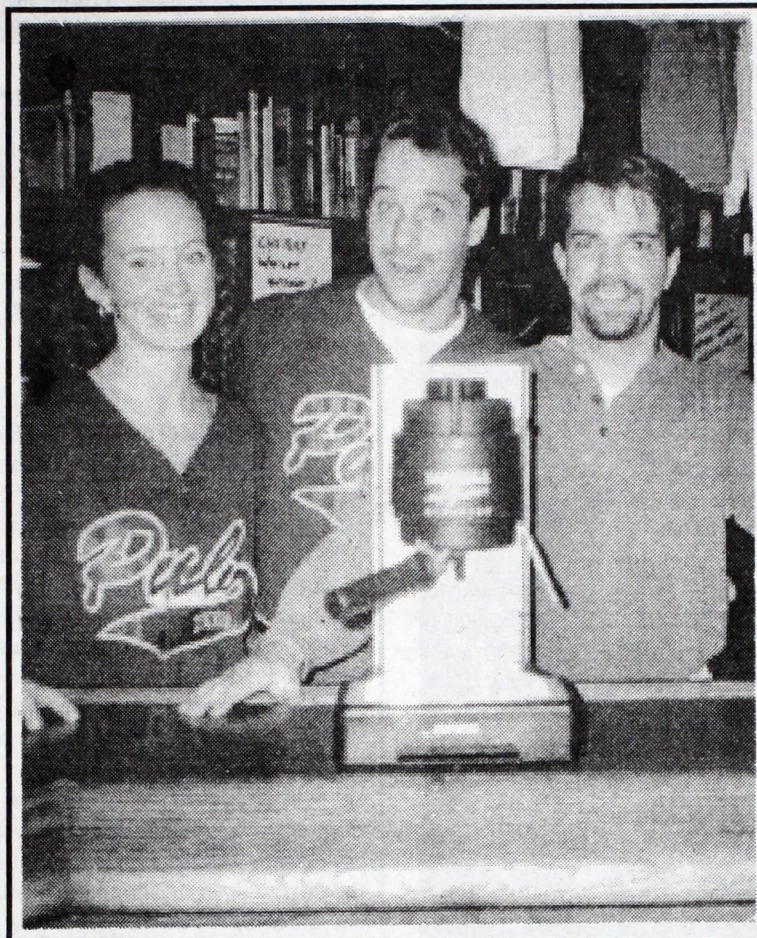
New Pub Manager Has Changes in Mind

“One thing that I want to drive home to students is that, in a sense, they’re helping themselves by spending their money here...”

by Lisa Urso
Staff Writer

Since taking over as manager of **The Pub Downunder** two months ago, **Micky Garneau** has made a number of significant changes to the establishment. With an impressive new product line and more diversified forms of entertainment, it seems likely that Garneau will achieve his goal of “creating an ambiance where people look forward to coming here and making it a happening spot.”

Garneau’s ideas to improve the pub stem largely from his own experiences at university both in Canada and abroad. He is aware of



the “perception that pubs and universities are just breeding grounds for alcoholics” and adds that “We are

trying to get away from that... We’re trying to bring people in here for reasons other than drinking.” One new feature that will doubtlessly attract sober patrons is the new **television satellite** that was recently hooked up. It includes such channels as HBO, Cinemax, and the most popular video and sports networks. Students can now flock to the pub instead of residence common rooms for events such as wrestling Royal Rumbles, hockey play-offs, and college basketball games.

Be advised that the new pub manager is not advocating couch

potato-ism. Garneau encourages patron participation for the movie nights he is planning. Among the movie theme nights he is considering are **Slap Shot**, **Strange Brew**, **Dumb and Dumber**, and **Animal House**. With **Animal House**, for example, he has visions of a toga party. While the featured movie plays on the televisions, the staff and customers will compete for the best costumes and prizes will be offered.

As far as popular pub nights go, Garneau notes that “Thursday night is no problem...but I can see no reason why we couldn’t get that many people in here on a Friday, Saturday, and even Wednesday night for that matter.” Anyone who has been to the pub after a Wednesday night class can attest to the fact that wing night/**Jammin’ Down Under** night draws a sizeable crowd. Hopefully in the future a backing band will be added to this amateur showcase night to encourage the participation of those who might not be able to accompany themselves, but who would nevertheless like to sing. Also, do not be alarmed if you see people in cowboy hats and ‘kickers swarming the pub, as Garneau intends to hire a line dancing instructor for country nights downunder. Yee haw.

Perhaps you aren’t fond of the pub because you don’t like beer. Fortunately, the manager has diversified the product line in the bar to include Long Island iced tea, Okanagan apple cider, every Schnapps he could locate, and “pretty much everything the liquor store has to offer.” That is not to say that alcohol consumption is encouraged. A **cappuccino machine** was installed last week, so you can follow the trend that *Friends* started. In the future, the

menu will likely be expanded to offer more than just lunch, nachos, and sandwiches behind the bar.

“One of the problems right now is that a lot of students are spending their money at off-campus bars... One thing that I want to drive home is that, in a sense, they are helping themselves by spending their money here because the money goes back to the SGA and it’s used for services to benefit the students...They’re getting a percentage of it back,” Garneau says. Not only would the student council benefit from increased pub attendance, but there would be more students hired and more hours available for those already employed there. Organizations on-campus who run coat checks would also see a marked increase in revenue.

For those cynical students who are not swayed by eloquent promises of future improvements, there will soon be concrete renovations to the pub itself. The beer-soaked and gum-spotted carpet will be removed from the centre island and the bathrooms will be modernized somewhat. Garneau wants to “freshen up the look without overspending.” It is also worth noting that the brass railings have been polished for the first time.

If you have never been a regular pub patron, either because you have not enjoyed it in the past or because you’ve never really given it a chance, now is the time to try it out. If nothing there appeals to you yet, Garneau emphasizes that he is open to suggestions. Go down and have a cappuccino with him or else stop complaining.

WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

Thursday, February 1st

Tonight is the last night for you to catch **Living In Oblivion** on the Cinescreen.

If you are looking for a little blues, try catching **The Bird** at the Towne House Tavern tonight.

Friday, February 2nd

Il Postino opens on the Cinescreen and is running until the 5th and we think you should go.

If you are looking for something a little different, Sudbury Secondary School is running **Variety '96** in their auditorium tonight and tomorrow. Call 674-7551 if you need to know anything else.

Wreck Beach is playing at the Towne House tonight and tomorrow. That could be cool.

Saturday, February 3rd

Tonight is the last night to catch **Running On Frozen Air** at the Sudbury Theatre Centre. Melaney Dahl and Dave Sturgeon are in it. There’s two reasons to run out right now and buy tickets.

You can also go to the Sudbury Regional competition of the **Canadian Improv Games** in the Fraser Auditorium at 8:00.

Sunday, February 4th

Tonight would be a good night to stay home and watch **The Simpsons** after all that activity over the weekend.

If not, go back to the Towne House and catch **Amanda McLeod**, she’s acoustic and very good.

Monday, February 5th

Just stay home tonight and watch **Melrose Place**.

Tuesday, February 6th

Another Tuesday, another cheap night. **Le Confessional** opens tonight on the Cinescreen and we hear it is very good.

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Canadian Feature at Cinéscreen

by Dan Scott
Staff Writer

Cinéscreen is back in action, folks, and it's bringing you two internationally acclaimed Canadian films, back-to-back, during the week of February 6th-11th. On Tuesday, February 6th, writer/director Robert Lepage's *Le Confessional* begins its three-day run. *Le Confessional* won the 1995 Genie for Best Canadian Film, based on the inseparable emotion and intellect that Lepage infuses in his exploration of the dark roots and growth of both a family and of Quebec society.

The postmodern tale centres around the resolution of family tragedy in Quebec City. In 1952, Rachel, a pregnant sixteen year old, seeks solace in the sworn silence of the confessional, while Alfred Hitchcock's cast and crew shoot "I Confess" in her parish church.

The narrative leaps forward to 1989, where Pierre Lamontagne has returned to Quebec for his father's funeral. Pierre becomes engaged with his adopted brother Marc's quest for his roots, and in the process the brothers must return to the set of "I Confess." Twenty-seven years after the confession entrusted by Marc's legitimate mother to the young priest, the secret acts as both a shield and a



barrier from the truth.

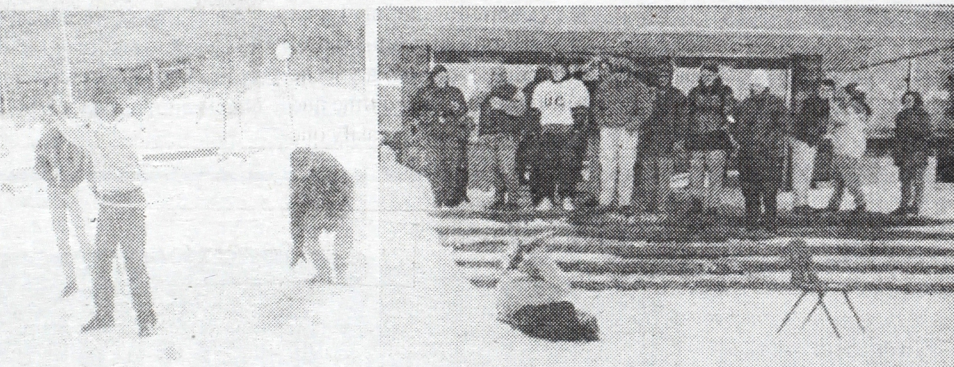
Le Confessional promises to be a darkly engaging film. The personal subject matter should draw its audience in and the political subtext, in the wake of the Quebec referendum, fulfils art's potential to

stimulate and illuminate—in this case, a public struggling to grasp the validity of a distinct society debate.

Cinéscreen features can be seen daily at 7:00 pm in the City Centre, Cinema 3.

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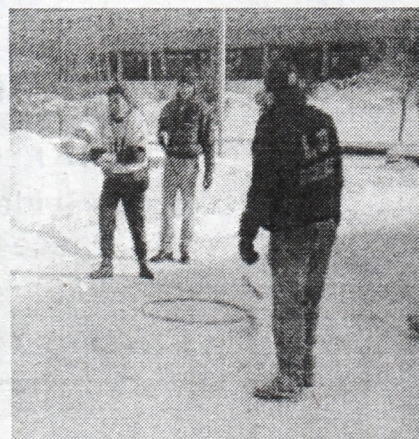
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POETRY CORNER

Deep down beyond in and out of yonder

by Dejan
Contributor

Perhaps dreams are made of bubbles that break on the edge of one's mind. Perhaps, just perhaps they travel around the earth, but backward against the gravitation that ties the knot on fragility at the top of the poles and my imagination, deep down beyond in and out of yonder, around the corner,... stone of life and the green people in my head heavy and stupid and wouldn't stop... asking the questions that I don't know the answer to, and the fickle Picasso on the walls of my lungs using my blood to paint someone else's dreams in my head thru my pain, 'cause those damned dreams, they just don't know, what's

deep down beyond in and out of yonder, where my gramps was playing some bitchin' blues the thousands of meadows blue, yellow and purple and one cat searching for her prey, the song is heavy, and the rhythm subtle and they are now all loud at the poles of my imagination, those little green people dancing around on the purple meadows to my grampa's blues and his words like an echo of my childhood "Dejan, come to eat before the bread gets cold and the water warm", and his wooden horses neighing in my mind as it all seems to have happened yesterday deep down beyond in and out of yonder, where

within the dreams of my imagination,

I see those long trenches dozen a mile always spreading a few clicks outta my way lost in the killing fields of my generation and fucking with us, our minds, and then again us and those black shirts in our purple meadows taking them far away never to be seen again and tell us nothing is ok so I wanna wake up now this instant this moment as it matches eternity itself, wake up and get rid of the night-mule, 'cause the mare is gone with the dreams of my imagination, and won't return with the dreams to come...

blown in the winds of my gullibility and the sun is covered in mud and my shoes in spectra of illumination and memories lost deep down beyond in and out of yonder

Left right, left right and our path is our wrath and it's set written in stone of cobble as the rains in blood wash them away, those Turkish streets of my hallucination, 'cause the night yells "hide", and the day won't be my guide and the stars are out of patience and again in the sun is covered in mud and the moon in blood of its illuminations, like Picasso's paint on the walls of my lungs.

By now the little green people have left but couldn't save our purple meadows from the black shirts and I still hear my gramps, playing some bitchin' blues and I still see those long trenches and listen to the wooden horses neigh and the shooting stars landing around the corner,... stone of my life, and memories gone like they were never here before, and in this madness I just don't know between whom to choose whether me, myself, or I to lose

And the mare now is pushing me forward, pushing me gently, never straight, and always to the side, pushing me in direction of that light never being hopeless, always eager to be my guide

'cause there is something in the fires of illumination, within the dreams of my imagination, somewhere

deep down beyond in and out of yonder.



LISTEN HERE

Mallrats - Music From The Motion Picture

by Chris Tonelli
Contributor

Fourteen songs, eleven bits of movie dialogue and a fairly boring 3D cover. The soundtrack to *Mallrats*.

None of the songs on the album are the best representation of the sound of the band outside of this album but none of the songs are that bad. In other words, if you get the album to check out new bands, go ahead. But don't judge a band by these songs. If you want to buy the album for a new song by a band you like, don't. Most of the "New Music From" songs are very mediocre. There are highlights such as the *Thrush Hermits*, and a few other already available but otherwise good songs. Also included is *Elastica*, *Belly*, *The Goops*, *Sponge*, *Weezer*, *Bush*, *Sublime*, *Squirtgun*, *Wax*, *All*, *Girls Against Boys* and *Archers Of Loaf*.

As for the dialogue you didn't have to see the movie to be interested in it. It is mostly pretty fresh juvenile humor such as the speech about a plane full of people masturbating because they think the plane is about to crash.

The best advice I can give is to go check out the movie. If this type of movie is your thing, and if you really liked it, chances are you'll like the soundtrack.

Saturday Morning Cartoons



by Lisa Urso
Staff Writer

Who wouldn't want to relive those magical mornings when you eagerly shook your siblings awake so you could all huddle around the television to watch your favourite animated shows? The giddy excitement of knowing that you didn't

have to go to school only heightened the comedic aspects of such classics as *The Smurfs*, *The Snorks*, *Scoobie Doo*, and all the others that are much too numerous to mention. If you mix those emotions with those that you have these days for good old rock and roll, what more could you want in an album?

It's all here—The Ramones singing *Spiderman*, Juliana Hatfield and Tanya Donnelly doing *Josie and the Pussycats*, Matthew Sweet (AKA Mr. Compilation Album) singing *Scoobie Doo*, and so much more. *Popeye the Sailor*, *Fat Albert*, *The Archies*' theme, *H and R Puff 'n' Stuff*, *Speed Racer*, *Hong Kong Phooey*... This is the poppiest feel good album ever released. The only problem is that you don't always feel 100% sugar-coated (or at least I don't) and the chirpy harmonies can make you want to resort to violence during mid-terms, for example. I loved this album when I first got it, but it's gotten increasingly annoying since. It's great to play "remember when" with if you have friends over, but don't expect this disc to earn a permanent place in your player.

Timeshard - Crystal Oscillations

by Chris Tonelli
Contributor

Memories can be brought back by listening to a song or album that reminds you of a place or event in your life. *Crystal Oscillations* by *Timeshard* has the ability to create such an effect.

While listening to *Crystal Oscillations* I thought of my very first visit to the Science North Cavern. I pictured the spacey, 3-D images in my head like it was yesterday. Then I thought of the music in the background of the videos they used to show in Grade 10 science class and suddenly remembered the complex structure of DNA. The theme to *Dr. Who*, various Nintendo games and the *Tour Of The Universe* ride at C.N. Tower also popped into my head.

A few minutes of this album were interesting, 74 minutes of it was ruined by cheesy synthesized space sounds and the rest was empty space. If you need to bring back the memories discussed above, *Crystal Oscillations* is perfect. If not don't bother with this one.

Hey, At Least They're Still Alive



by Dave Miner
Staff Writer

By 1995, *Alice In Chains* certainly had their fans worried. After 1993's brilliant *Jar of Flies*, the band all but went into exile, pulling out of both a *Metallica* tour and a projected appearance at Woodstock 95, citing health problems, rumoured to be caused by the members' drug problems. As a decent chunk of '95 passed with no new product from the boys, it seemed to many that AIC was to be the latest name added to the list of brilliant artists ruined by drugs. However, the speculation on their future became more optimistic with the release of *Mad Season's Above* and its companion disc, *Mad Season Live*.

This powerful collaboration between AIC singer Layne Staley, a fresh from rehab Mike McCready of *Pearl Jam*, Barrett Martin of *Screaming Trees* and John Baker Saunders, is a brilliant eclectic piece of work covering blues (*Artificial Red*) to an almost Sabbathesque crunch of *I'm Above*. Fans of Staley's unique voice won't be disappointed—the trademark rage and exotic harmonies so prevalent in AIC's music are well represented here and Staley uses them to their full extent so that on tracks such as the intimate *Wake Up* where there is only one quiet vocal part for the most of the song, the sheer shift in dynamic is as impressive as the vocals themselves. Perhaps the most

intriguing transformation, however, belongs to McCready. A stark contrast to his straightforward playing in *Pearl Jam*, this album's guitars are drenched in phase-shifting and delay, reaching their apex on the psychedelic instrumental number, *November Hotel*. This album is a gem on all levels—not only does it hold its own against the rather imposing catalogue of other Seattle supergroups such as *Temple of the Dog* or *Hater*, but it is packed from beginning to end with a variety of great songs. There is something for everyone and if you are one of those who needs a range of styles to hold your interest, this is one album that I think you should own.

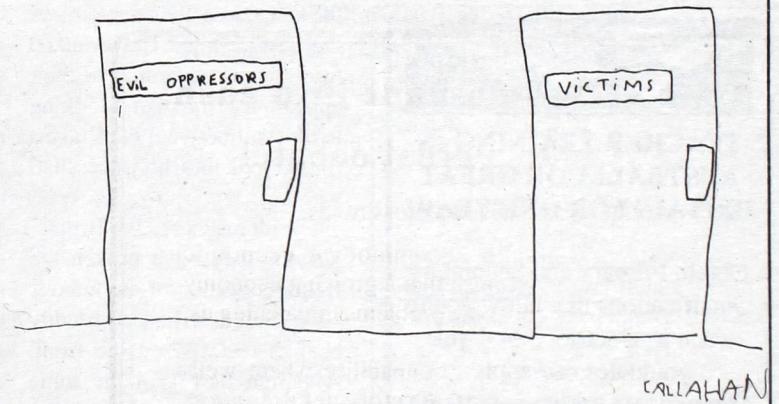
One the other hand is the much anticipated follow up to *Dirt*, an album titled *Grind*. Expectations were high for this album: Staley and guitarist Jerry Cantrell are definitely one of the more interesting vocal duos on the contemporary scene and Jerry has proved time and time again that he is easily one

of our generation's finest guitar players. That, rounded out with the powerful rhythm section of drummer Mike Kinney and ex-*Ozzy* bass man Mike Inez (whose work on *Jar* alone left me panting for more) and tremendously strong songwriting and you can see why the anticipation was so high. Does the album measure up? Sadly, no. The album seems to be filled with trudging riff after trudging riff and the songs sound decidedly monotonous and unfinished. One of the more cynical theories which I'm entertaining is that the band may seriously have rushed into the studio just to end the speculation of their breakup. Indeed, the first words heard on the album seem like a direct challenge to naysayers: "In the darkest hole/You'd be well advised/Not to plan my funeral before the body dies." To its credit, the album grows on me a little more every time I listen to it but I just don't feel that it measures up to their previous work. Granted, I'm apparently in the minority here and *Grind* still proves that AIC can take on anyone in the metal genre. Unfortunately, I think the band may have sold themselves a little short. If nothing else, it proves they are still around and recording and my hopes are still high for album number four. Till then, I'll be happily singing along to *Facelift*.



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WORLD SOCCER NEWS

by Takis Zervas
Columnist

G'day, my soccer chaps. Well, the transfers are back along with manager casualties and fanatic soccer news. Libero, libero, let's get on with the most recent soccer news.

In England, **Liverpool** striker Mark Walters was sold to **Southampton** and goalkeeper Tony Cotton left **Manchester City** and moved on to **Manchester United**... England and **Arsenal** star David Platt will undergo another knee operation and is expected to be out for a month.

In Spain, **Real Madrid** boss Jorge Valdano was fired due to **Real Madrid's** poor standing in the regular season. Valdano is replaced by Arsenio Iglesias.

In Holland, **PSV Eindhoven** striker Peter Hoekstra was sold to **Ajax** due to the injuries which has left **Ajax** thin up front.

In Russia, from the Lions of Lisbon to the Lions of Deptford, Sergei Yuran and Vasili Kulkov certainly like a challenge! The two

Russian internationals, who won championship medals in Portugal with **Benfica** and **FC Porto**, have turned their backs on **Moscow Spartak's** UEFA Champions League campaign, joining First Division **Millwall** on loan until the end of the season in a move described by Yuran as "the pinnacle of my career." Perhaps it lost something in the translation...

In Sweden, Swedish player Jerry Mansson has been suspended for two years for a drug offense, despite protesting that someone had spiked his beer in a Stockholm bar. Mansson tested positive for an amphetamine in a routine check after a night game with his Second Division team **Brommapojkarna**. He alleged that someone must have put the drug in his beer two nights earlier.

In Africa, the African continent's 16 best footballing nations are converging on South Africa to dispute the biggest title in African soccer. This, without a doubt, should be the best African Nations Cup finals yet held, as African soccer's reputation continues to grow. There was still considerable confusion at press time as to whether reigning champions Nigeria would be joining former winners such as Ivory Coast,

Ghana and Cameroon in making strong bids for the title. The Nigerian government pulled the national side out of the tournament because of fears for the safety of players. Host South Africa, with the advantage of altitude at their home base in Johannesburg, will have their sights set on success in their first appearance in the finals. There has never been as broad a range of potential winners and never as charismatic a field of contestants. Surely the 20th Nations Cup will be a tournament to remember. Semi-finals begin on Wednesday.

In Spain, Russian international Viktor Onopko finally appeared in Oviedo after FIFA had ruled that his contract with the club was fully valid and that **Atletico Madrid** therefore had no claims on him. Nearly 40 000 turned out to give the former **Spartak Moscow** skipper Onopko a rousing welcome in **Oviedo**, yet he played no part in the year's opening home fixture against **Deportivo**. The reason this time? He could not get a visa for his mother-in-law... wah, wah, wah.

In Brazil, Edmundo, the Brazilian forward constantly in wars on the field and off it, was

involved in a car crash in Rio in which three people were killed and six were injured. Edmundo, who was leaving a night club in the early hours, could face four years in prison if found guilty of homicide.

In Algeria, Under-23 international Zouani Bilal has been given a one-year ban from all international activity for his part in a brawl which marred the match against Guinea at the All-Africa Games in Zimbabwe last year.

In Syria, Hotten top the Syrian First Division for the first time ever, recording 23 points out of possible 29. Cup-winners **Al Karama** are five points behind.

Quote of the week in the soccer world: "I was, I am and I always will be a drug addict." (Diego Maradona, speaking as the Argentinian government launched an anti-drug campaign).



Biff and Bart's NHL Hockey Talk

by Biff and Bart
Columnists

BART: Americanized Hockey. The NHL is headed in this direction. At this year's All-Star game, the FOX Network introduced a new puck. For some time, people have argued that it is almost impossible to follow the sight of the puck around the rink. The Network has decided to take matters into their own hands by introducing a new

techno-puck that shows viewers where the puck is during the game. The only feature that I liked about this bauble was the ability to find out how fast the puck was travelling. I did not mind the blue sphere that surrounded the puck at all times. This distinction will help the 'new fans' of the NHL follow the puck easier. Given time, viewers will adapt to the speed of the puck.

Just when you thought the puck would be the last thing Gary Bettman could do to ruin our national pastime, the commissioner and his disciples have decided to create new jerseys for five teams in the league. Boston, Anaheim, Vancouver, Los Angeles, and Pittsburgh were the first to wear their new jerseys this past weekend. I have ranked these teams according to their appearance from worst-looking to most attractive. Let us take a further look into this issue, shall we?

With respect to the Bruins' jerseys, they have broken the Boston tradition of the famous 'B' on the chest. Instead, a teddy bear is featured on the front. Although they kept the same team colours that the club has used since its inception into the league, there is still a missing element to this uniform. On a scale of one to ten, with 1 being the worst, I would rate this uniform a -2.

The Mighty Ducks' new jerseys just go to show that Disney is the braintrust behind this organization's marketing decisions. The Darkwing Duck logo used this past weekend is out to attract the young fans rather than the purists around the league. I give this team a

ranking of -1.

At least Vancouver kept their logo. However, the colours of the shirts and pants have to go. The players can glow in the dark with these digs. On the fashion scale, I give them 0. If it was not for the colour, my ranking may have been more positive.

Los Angeles changed their whole look. They added stripes, altered the colours, and replaced their old logo with that of a king's head. With all do respect, the changes are not so bad for this financially-strapped team. They actually look better than the plain grey, white, and black. If the organization sticks with this, perhaps they might sell more shirts and be back on the road to premier financial status. Who knows? I give the shirts a rating of +4.

The Penguins have the right idea: do not mess with a winning formula. Out of these five teams, their new jerseys resemble their older ones the most. They kept the same design but changed the colour scheme. The dark black jerseys make this team more intimidating than they were with the yellow ones. I give the marketing whizzes behind this idea a ranking of +6.

And finally, the Cowboys are the big winners of this year's Super Bowl. All I can say is... I TOLD YOU SO! WHO'S THE MAN?!? And on that note, the sands of the hourglass have reached the pinnacle of this year's NFL season. Better luck to all the teams next season.

BIFF: Football may be over, but that doesn't stop my colleague and I from giving our opinions about the sports world around us. I'll begin with the Kirk Muller trade.

Leafs win! Leafs win! Leafs

win the Cup! This has not been said around the league since 1967. However, with their most recent acquisition, the Buds have taken a giant leap in their quest for the Holy Grail. Toronto came out as winners in this trade involving Ottawa, the NY Islanders, and themselves. They basically gave up no one significant from their current roster.

Although Damian Rhodes will be an asset to the Senators, there was no room for him in Toronto. In return, the Leafs received Don Beaupre, a former Sudbury Wolves star who will be an adequate back-up to Felix Potvin. The only loser from the trade may be the Islanders. They received minor leaguer Ken Belanger who has yet to assert himself in the NHL. They also got Martin Straka, who does not really fit into Mike Milbury's hard-nosed checking team philosophy. Finally, they got the rights to Brian Berard, the unsigned, multi-talented defenseman who vowed never to play in Ottawa. I'm sure that Berard will be a good one in the future. But for the Islanders, the future is now. They need to salvage a season which has seen them fall to the bottom of the league in attendance and in the standings.

Rumours, Rumours, Rumours. With the NHL trading deadline coming near, many teams are tinkering with their lineups in order to find the right combination that will take them further into the promised land. Here is a brief synopsis of where I think certain players are headed.

Ed Belfour: The Hawks want to unload him for two reasons: to save money and give more playing time to Jeff Hackett, who costs less. Look for Eddie the Eagle to fly to San Jose in

return for Jeff Friessen, Owen Nolan, or Craig Janney. Arturs Irbe may also be sent packing to the Windy City.

Jeremy Roenick: He hasn't been the same since Craig Hartsburg took over the team. I wouldn't be surprised if he heads west to Vancouver. The Hawks will get Trevor Linden in return.

Wayne Gretzky: With Tocchet being traded last week, this is the Great One's excuse to bolt from L.A. Look for him to be re-united with his old pal, Mark Messier, in New York. In return, the Kings will get Andrei Kovalev, Luc Robitaille, and a good minor league prospect in Brian Richter.

Mike Modano: Dallas has admitted they are out of the playoffs. Why not trade their best player to help the rebuilding process? Look for Modano to head to New Jersey for Scott Niedermeyer or Bill Guerin and Scott Stevens.

Finally, I'd like to finish up by giving my opinion on a few issues currently going on in the world of sports today. Here we go:

NHL: Chuck the Puck. Hire Karl Lagerfeld the next time you want to redesign team uniforms.

NFL: The Steelers came close. This is the end of the line for the Cowboys. Free Agency will devastate them next year. Players such as Maryland, Woodson, Brown, and Edwards are going to walk the walk to be reunited with former head coach Jimmy Johnson.

NBA: Magic Johnson. Will you kindly make up your mind? Do you want to play or stay retired? Unlike Deion, you can't have BOTH!

Well, that's about it, sports fans. Until next week...



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Meet The AquaVees!

by Remi Gunn
Staff Writer

team has been excellent and that is one of the reasons why we weren't really missing those one or two superstars. So I'm happy and I'm looking forward to the conference championships."

Women's Team Assistant Coach Jennifer Campbell Michel:

"It's been a very good experience for me, fantastic actually, working with the women this year. They've been very together, upbeat, and supportive of each other. I think the high point for me is the fact that each individual has given, basically, their best effort. . . I'm looking forward to it all paying off this weekend [at the OWIAA's] and I hope that their potential is reached."

Men's Team Assistant Coach Jamie Bretzlaff:

"I think we're definitely a growing team. We're larger than what the swim team has been in the past. We have very good depth and [the swimmers] are all team players. They've learned to change from looking at swimming as an individual sport to starting to look at it as a team sport. They're starting to rely on each other a little bit more."

The Captains Have their Say Men's Team Captain Dave Chisholm:

"This is my fifth year here so I've seen a lot of teams come and go and I really have to say that this year's team is by far the greatest that I've seen here. I'm actually kind of disappointed to be leaving because

this is such a great team. Currently we're ranked sixth in the country and hopefully we can improve upon that. Our short term goal is coming up, in two weeks, at the OUAA's and I think a third place finish would be a very realistic goal for us. So far we have four CIAU qualifiers: Brad Johnson, Chris Churchill, Philippe Voisard, and myself. Hopefully we can add to that at OUAA's and put in a good showing at the CIAU's."

Women's Team Captain Trish Hawkes:

"We've got a young team, lots of first and second year swimmers. We held a second rank standing in the country. We're not currently ranked but I think we have a good chance to come in the top five at the OWIAA's. We've got some CIAU qualifiers: Andrea Nicholls, Stephanie McMahon, and Angela Lilly and hopefully we might have a couple of people qualify this weekend. . . I've been here for four years and my first year there was seven girls and now there are seventeen or eighteen girls. Hopefully the team will continue to grow and maybe we'll be number one one day."

And Now the Rookies Stephanie McMahon:

"There is a really good team environment. I find the team very supportive compared to what I'm used to. The training environment is very good, it's very positive.

Most of the swimmers encourage everyone else during the practises and at meets. Everything has been positive for me and its come through in my swimming."

Jon Howard:

"Compared to what I'm used to with club swimming, [swimming

at Laurentian] is really different. It's a lot more team oriented sport whereas a lot of people would think it would be individual. . . But the whole team is in there cheering. It's a much better attitude. I'm swimming a lot better this year because of it."

The Roster

The members of this year's Laurentian Voyageurs swim team

are:

Women

Kelly Chester

Carol Cox

Cindy Dennis

Tonya Dunn

Ginny Denomme

Trish Hawkes

Pam Hutchinson

Angela Lilly

Stephanie McMahon

Vanessa Hartley

Shawna McNabb

Andrea Nicholls

Stephanie Powell

Mary Popp

Kristin Sturgis

Cynthia Vincze

Naomi Wright

Men

Kevin Aves

Brandon Nicholson

Dave Chisholm

Philippe Voisard

Chris Churchill

Jason Wicke

Bruce Davison

Jason Wright

Bill Dewland

Jon Howard

Shawn Jarvis

Brad Johnson

Phillip Martin

The OWIAA's take place this weekend at the Olympic Gold Pool in the Ben Avery Building. Prelims start at 6:00 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Finals start at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. Sunday.

Laurentian's Men's and Women's Swim teams are both having a strong year. The men's team has placed consistently in the top ten in the nation while the women's team, although not currently ranked in the nation, also spent a number of weeks in the top ten. Both teams are relatively young with a number of rookies contributing greatly to the team's performance. This article is a chance for the members of the swim teams to comment on the year and on being an Aqua Vee.

A Word From the Coaches Head Coach Jeno Tihanyi:

"The swim team, I felt, probably came together to be the best all around team that we've had at Laurentian. We had no superstars really to speak of in terms of being high in international status and winning at the nationals and so on. We had a few good, solid leaders who were able to keep the team together and, consequently, we have been able to do well in the province and even in our national ranking. . . So we've been doing quite well and I'm very pleased with both the men's and the women's teams. The depth of the

LU Collects 8 Medals!

by Bronwen Davies
Contributor

The Nordic Vees collected eight medals last weekend in North Bay. Both the men's and women's teams were number 1 in these Northern Ontario Championships.

Although the team has been plagued by illness, everyone performed up to snuff. After braving the crazy highway conditions, the team arrived in North Bay in a record time of only 2 1/2 hours! Just minutes after jumping from the van, Rob Thompson began his 10 km skating race, winning the Junior Men's category in a time of 34:50.

The Senior Men also raced 10 km. Chris Hooper had an amazing race, placing 2nd in a time of 31:12. Ben Stevenson was 5th, Steve Osborn 7th, and new recruit Jean Belanger placed 12th.

The women were led by Bronwen Davies who struck gold in a time of 17:28 over 5 km. Carol Cox placed 3rd followed in 4th place by Dianne Carelson.

The snow finally stopped somewhere near midnight and the temperature began to plummet. Sunday morning dawned with the temperature near -25 degrees Celsius. The fresh snow and cold temperatures meant slow racing conditions.

The women were out first to classic ski 8.5 km. Dianne

Carelson won the race with an awesome time of just 31:48; Bronwen Davies was seconds behind in 2nd place at 31:57. Carol Cox placed 4th.

The men skied a gruelling 16.5 km. Rob Thompson placed 2nd in the Junior Men with a time of

59:14. In the Senior Men's category, Ben Stevenson won a bronze medal in a time of 55:00. He was followed by his team mates Chris Hooper (5th), Steve Osborn (8th), and Jean Belanger (11th).



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Lady Vees Dump Ryerson

by Aoonghus Kealy
Staff Writer

The Lady Vees hosted the Ryerson Rams on Saturday night. The Rams played as though they were blinded by the Sudbury blizzard on the court, giving up the ball and not finishing their shots time after time. Laurentian nearly doubled Ryerson by a score of 69-35.

Lady Vees' guard Sarah Kieffer led the charge in the early going as she spun away from the Ryerson guard and rolled the lay up. Kieffer ran back to stop a Ryerson turnover by forward Ann Clarke, stripped Clarke of the ball, passed it off, and received a pass in the key to lay it up for an early 9-4 lead. Kieffer finished the game with 10 points.

Rams' guard Georgia Parkes was Ryerson's most effective player as she had a game high 16 points. She had two straight breakaways, hitting for two on the first, but missing the second. That breakaway miss epitomized Ryerson's scoring trouble, as they

tossed beach ball after beach ball off the back board and rim. The Rams played for seven consecutive minutes without recording a field goal in the first half. On another play, Rams' guard Cathy Taylor bounced a pass from the Ryerson end intended for Clarke, but it sped out of bounds and the two Rams looked at each other in disbelief.

Ryerson's Shari Samuel, the shortest player on the court at 5'4", was frustrated all game and vented her energies on the Lady Vees when she could. She fought with Shelley Dewar from the floor for the ball and shoved Dewar to the floor as she tried to get up. Minutes later, the crowd grumbled as she spurted "Get your hands off of me!" to an aggressive Karen Vos. At the end of the game, Tanya Tatti was viciously checked to the floor by Samuel while on the breakaway.

The Lady Vees made some great offensive passing plays. The ball was thrown between four Lady Vees as they worked the inside and the perimeter which led to Katie Malone's rainbow trey. Katie hit for two more and finished with 10 points.

The score at the half was 29-13. The lights in the Ben Avery Gymnasium were dimming, just as the play of the Rams was. They were

outscored in the second half by 17 points again, 40-23.

Vees' guard Mel Rathbone hit a field goal and missed her ensuing free throw, but Shelley "Athlete of the Week" Dewar leaped for the rebound and racked up two more points for the L.U. side. Dewar scored two second half three-pointers. She led the Lady Vee scorers with 15 points.

Pretty plays within four minutes: Steph Harrison holds on, waits, then spots Kieffer with a strike under the hoop, 2 points; Tanya Tatti dribbles one on two, runs between the two and lays up while sandwiched; and (the play of the game) Malone to Rathbone to Vos to Dewar to Vos who drops the trey as the Lady Vees put on a 12 second clinic on how to work a perimeter in basketball.

"We are always happy to win," began coach Ennis, "but I thought we were very sloppy in the first half. It is frustrating when we play at a level below us. Our passing wasn't sharp. Many passes got tipped away."

Ennis also gave credit to rookie Steph Harrison for her performance. The 6'3" center scored



7 points, worked hard inside the key, and saw the court well.

Lady Vee guard Mel Rathbone said the team was content with its overall performance. "We're pretty happy. A lot of things worked well. We rotated well and played good defense." To play back at their level, Rathbone said Ennis told them to "be more physical and play our game and things will take care of itself."

Forward Joy McNichol may return this weekend against the University of Ottawa Gee Gees. "Next week, we want to put her in a lot of physical contact to gain some confidence," said Ennis. With

everyone shooting as well as they are, said Ennis, the key will be to work it inside and adjust to her return to the floor.

Next week, the Lady Vees Basketball club travel to Ottawa to play the Gee Gees on Saturday and the Carleton Ravens on Sunday. Their next home game is against Ottawa at the Ben Avery Gymnasium at 6:15 p.m. The Lady Vees are in second place in the OUAA East Division and currently ranked fourth in the nation. Come out and watch our nationally competitive Women's Basketball team!!

by Aoonghus Kealy
Staff Writer

Saturday marked the return of Voyageur guard Shawn Swords from an ankle injury that he sustained in December. Voyageurs' head coach Peter Campbell says that he was playing at "about 60-65 percent" last week and went into Saturday's match at around eighty percent. "The trick is to get him in and have the players who have stepped up to maintain their play," commented Campbell. The Vees' coach received what he was hoping for as Swords scored 26 points, dished out 10 assists, caused 6 turnovers, and pulled down four rebounds. East Conference leading point-getter Cory Bailey scored 20 and caught eight rebounds. The team rallied around them and hammered the Rams 105-82.

Center Roan Biggs had what Coach Campbell called his best game of the season. His field goal percentage stood at 70 percent, he pulled down three rebounds, scored 15 points, and had some timely assists. The story of the game was clearly Shawn Swords. He hit for three treys within his 18 points in the first half and was in the middle of some great passing. Dusome sent an errant pass for Sword to the left court-corner; no one on or off the court expected Swords to recover the pass but he did in mid-air with an arm outstretched. He dished off to Biggs inside who tossed the ball off the glass and in. Jason Hurley gave an outlet pass to Sword who turned away from the rushing Duncan Prescott and sent Biggs home free for two more.

The Ryerson Men's Basketball team, missed 9 of their 21 free throws to the delight of the crowd. Forward Scott Belasco, a Mario Van

Peebles look-alike, turned to the crowd and yelled "Shut up" with a scowl that could make a baby cry from 50 yards. Belasco led the Rams with 20 points and five rebounds.

Even when they were good, they were bad. Rams' guard Rowan Jones stripped Swords of the ball and ran in alone only to toss a tire at the hoop. Guard Michael Chisolm also missed on the breakaway after a steal. In that same play, the pass was given to Biggs who ran up the left side past the Ram defense for two more.

Swords hit for thirteen straight Voyageur points including three poster-perfect lay ups. He ran in one on one with a Ram guard and fooled him with a reversed right-handed lay-up. After Jason Hurley's field goal attempt was blocked, he tipped a pass to a free Swords; two more points. The last was on a breakaway that Poster Boy rolled in with class.

The Vees led 57-31 at the half. Then, the crowd was treated to Lady Vee rookie initiation day. Karen "Spud" Vos, Steph Desutter, Steph "Red" Harrison, Krissy MacDonald, and Jen Chorney performed in a short play entitled "A Day in the Life of a Lady Vee Rookie" while dressed up in Kmart costumes and Halloween makeup. Though it was nearly impossible to hear what they were saying, the crowd appreciated their efforts and gave them a heart-warming round of applause. They came out again to toss candies into the suddenly chaotic audience, frantically scrambling for fallen mints between bleachers.

"We're having a lot of fun," said Lady Vees' guard Krissy MacDonald. MacDonald also wanted it to be known that Jen Chorney was somewhat inactive. More laps for

Jen? Stay tuned...

The second half was a whole new ball game with Ryerson outscoring L.U. 52-48. Rob Armstrong, Rowan Jones, and Carl Harper finally recorded field goals; they had only two successful free throws between them after the first half. The entire team had three offensive rebounds all game.

"I'm very pleased with our first half," said coach Campbell. "In the second, we didn't do as we set out to do. Defensively we relaxed because we thought we won." The Voyageurs' coach was pleased that everyone had playing time and was satisfied overall with the effort.

Ryerson's assistant coach Richard Dean attributes the Rams' poor play to too many turnovers.

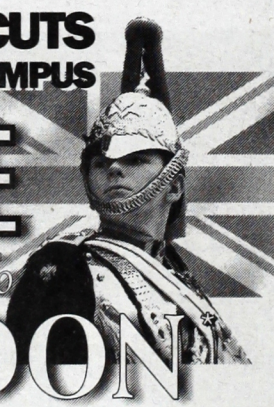
Rams' head coach Terry Haggerty believes that "L.U. played as well as they can. It's just one game, one loss which brings us to three [wins] and three [losses]. We still have a chance at first or second [in the OUAA East]. It's all about being ready."

The Basketball Voyageurs next home game is Friday, February 9 against the Gee Gees at 8:15 p.m. in the Ben Avery Gymnasium. Support your Basketball Voyageurs!

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